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About the cover photograph:

At the time of this photograph in the 1940s, Genoa School was freshly painted and well cared for. Left to right are cousins Hope Fulk Ritchie, Marjorie Fulk Carr, and Reba Dare Fulk Slater. Photograph from June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith.

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Preface

This book began with photographs from my Grandmother Ruth Turner's collection. She and my grandfather Lloyd Turner attended Oak Grove School. In 1919, Ruth became one of the first scholars to attend school at Genoa Graded School, where she was in the seventh grade.

All six of Ruth and Lloyd's children attended Genoa school, and Ruth's Genoa School photograph collection expanded from photos of her classmates to photos of her children's classes. Ruth carefully saved all her children's school photographs.

When my mother, Lena Albrite Turner, began her photography darkroom career, she began collecting school photographs. She and Ruth identified the children in Ruth's photos. Lena began asking around in the community and copying other photos from the school. As a result, we have pictures from many years of the school's history.

By the 1950s, interest in school photographs at Genoa seems to have declined. We have found only two from that decade, in spite of asking a number of former students. If you have photos from this time period or any other Genoa photos that are not in this book, we would love to copy them for future editions.

School sessions before 1920 were often short and irregular. School often started in October and ended in April. As a result, it took several years for students to finish a grade level. You will notice that the "big room" or 7th grade students in the 1919 class were much larger than typical 7th graders today. In fact, Ruth Turner was 17 years old when she was in the seventh grade at Genoa, yet she was an honor roll student. Attending high school was rare for Brocks Gap students in this time, because they had to leave home and board with family or friends in Broadway or Linville in order to attend high school. Many Genoa school students continued their learning as adults by studying the Bible and subscribing to newspapers and periodicals.

Even though their formal educational opportunities were somewhat limited, Ruth and her husband Lloyd valued education and saw to it that all six of their children graduated from high school. Broadway High School graduation ceremonies were important occasions to them, and they regularly attended.

Thanks to everyone who let us copy their school pictures. Some originals were faded and didn't reproduce as well as others. Some had deep shadows that make it hard to see the children's faces. But we treasure all of the photographs. We included the married names for the girls when we knew them.

This book is the first of several we have planned of schools in Brocks Gap, including one of the first years of the present-day Fulks Run Elementary School. We welcome you to share your school photographs for future books.

Pat Ritchie

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Beginning & 1920s

Genoa Graded School
1919-1961

Genoa Graded School was established in 1919 in a new two-room school building in Genoa, Virginia. The school, on Highway 612, was about one mile from the intersection of present-day Highway 612 (Hopkins Gap Road) and Highway 815 (Third Hill Road). When the school was built, it was named for the Genoa community in which it was located. The Post Office for Genoa was in A. Douglas Brenneman's store. The store building, which burned in the 1970s, was at the crossroads of Hopkins Gap Road and Third Hill Road.

The new Genoa school replaced two one-room schools, Oak Grove School and Shoemaker School. Oak Grove School was located next to Mt. Grove Church of the Brethren on Third Hill Road. Shoemaker school was located in a field next to Highway 612 or Hopkins Gap Road about three miles from the Genoa Post Office. These two older schools were both built in the 1880s and were in poor condition when closed.

New Genoa Graded School opened with Myrtle Bennett and Iva Cooper Gordon as its first teachers. There were no school buses, so students walked to and from school. Students lived as far away as 2 miles, making a long, cold walk on winter days. The country roads were muddy in the winter and dusty in the summer. Some parents provided transportation on rainy days, at least in the 1930s. Not only could walking to school be uncomfortable because of the weather,



Genoa School, 1924. Photo 0493B

Although Genoa School opened five years before this photograph was taken, the school building probably looked very much like this in 1919.

but it could be dangerous as well. Vada Turner May wrote in a family booklet that while walking to school, "Charlie Ritchie's old bulldog would take after us sometimes and so would Doug Brenneman's old sheep buck." As times became more prosperous, some students rode bicycles to school. At some point, county school buses began to provide transportation.

Toilet facilities, even until the school closed in 1961, were two outhouses in the back of the school. Water came from a hand-pump outside the building. The school had one classroom for the "big" class (grades 4-7) and one classroom for the "little" class (grades 1-3).

There was no lunchroom in the school, and students brought lunch from home in tin pails they called "dinner buckets." Vada Turner May, now of Mathias, West Virginia, said that her dinner bucket usually contained "apple butter bread and butter bread and the biggest pickle I could find in the jar. A very special treat would be when June Shoemaker would give me a store bought cookie out of her lunch."

When Genoa Graded School began, it lacked cement walks and lamps. A hand-written paper in Ruth and Lloyd Turner's papers, dated March 15, 1920, "Genoa Items" said:

> "Gasoline lamps have been installed in the graded school building which make a great improvement. A pie social will be held in the near future to raise funds to pay for their installation. Part of the money has been raised and all has been paid on the cement walks."

The items on the "Genoa Items" paper were probably personal news sent to the *Daily News Record.* Another paragraph said "Misses Loraine and Mildred Shoemaker, Nora Miller, and little Ruth Turner visited Miss Iva Cooper and Myrtle Bennett at the home of J. H. Custer's Saturday afternoon." The two teachers at Genoa may have been boarding with the Custer family.
Another paragraph stated, "Misses Myrtle Bennett and Goldie Turner were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Shickle Sunday." Miss Bennett was one of the first teachers, and Goldie Turner was one of the students.

Some teachers like Andrew Thomas (teacher from 1931-36 and 1950-1961) held pie and cake "socials" in the community to raise funds for hot lunches for the students. When money was available, they bought and cooked dried beans and made hot chocolate for the students. Former student Granvil Turner, now of Broadway, remembered that "There were times in the winter the two teachers would have hot chocolate milk and white beans. To this day they were the best tasting beans and milk." Granvil's brother Garnett Turner remembered that his teacher in the first grade, Miriam Miller Hoover, was a good teacher. His other teachers were Andrew Thomas, Preston Moyer, and Edna Turner. Garnett also recalled that "the 1st and 2nd grade teacher made hot chocolate for us to drink."

Community support for the new school was high, as we can tell from the number of photographs taken of the students those first years. By the 1950s, especially the late 1950s, there seem to have been fewer photographs taken. If anyone has other Genoa school photographs not included in this book, we would greatly appreciate copies of them for the next edition.

One advantage of two-room schools was having older children on hand to tutor younger children in their lessons. However, it must have been tough for the teacher to prepare so many lessons covering three or four grade levels. Garnett Turner who attended Genoa on the late 1930s, was the only student in the seventh grade. He recalls that some days the teacher spent her time with the younger students and had no lessons for him, putting him at a disadvantage when he went to high school at Broadway.

Miriam Miller Hoover was the "little room" or primary room teacher for a number of years. She was Vada Turner May's first grade teacher. Vada remembers that "during the day when she was having other classes she would let some of us girls come up and comb her hair. It was long and platted." Vada's teacher in grades 4 through 7 was Edna Turner who had the class sing every morning, teaching the students how to sing.

Recess time was for both play and work. Granvil Turner recalled that "At recess, we would play ball and help carry in buckets of coal in the winter time. In spring when the creek was running good we would go catch frogs. Mr. Thomas [teacher] enjoyed frog legs."

Special occasions were observed at the school. On Valentine Day in the 1930s, there was a big decorated box "and everybody would make valentines out of red paper and put in the box for our classmates. Most of the kids were too poor to buy valentines," Vada Turner May wrote.

John H. Custer's country store was on the hill above Genoa School. Custer's store is an example of how country stores were the hub of the community. One day at school when Garnett Turner was about 7 years old, "a tooth came loose that I couldn't pull, so I went up to Great-Uncle John Custer's store and asked him to pull it. He was the local dentist, also. He took a pair of pliers off the wall and with them, he yanked the tooth out. I thanked him and went back to school."

After the Genoa post office was discontinued in 1937, the school's address became Fulks Run, although the school retained the Genoa name.

Genoa's last school session was 1960-61when Andrew Thomas and Gussie Fulk Turner Custer were the last teachers. By this time, three generations of some families had been students of the school. For instance, Earl Fulk was a student in the first class at the school, his son Edward Fulk was a student in its middle years, and Edward's son James Fulk was a student in the last class at Genoa.

In the fall of 1961, the school was closed and students transferred to the new modern Fulks Run Elementary School. At the new brick school on Highway 259, there were separate classrooms for each of the seven grades, a lunchroom that served hot lunches every day, and flush toilets.

After Genoa School closed, Harlan and Hettie Mongold bought the property and remodeled it as their home.

This information on Genoa School is from the history section of the Rockingham County Public Schools website:

> "Land for the new Genoa School was purchased from Rev. & Mrs. George Fulk and the Shoemaker Family--Seymour and Lena Shoemaker, John C. Shoemaker (bachelor), Myrtle E. Shoemaker (spinster), and Mary C. Shoemaker (widow of Arclaim Shoemaker, deceased). The 1919 recorded deed also states that the Fulks were paid $171.87 for 137.5 poles of land. The Shoemaker Family received $50.00 for 16.5 poles.
>
> The two room school was constructed by John I. Lee at a cost of $2200.00. The school was completed in October of 1919. Iva Cooper (Gordon) and Myrtle Bennett were the teachers for the first session of the new school. A complete list of teachers assigned from 1919 to the final session follows:
>
> 1919-20 Iva Cooper (Gordon), Myrtle Bennett
> 1920-21 Iva Cooper (Gordon), Hazel Ball
> 1921-22 Naomi Kiser, Esther Garber
> 1922-23 Charles C. Turner, Mrs. C.C. Turner
> 1923-24 Fannie Holsinger, Mary Holsinger (Shank)
> 1924-27 Edna Landes (Will), Virginia Miller (Armentrout)
> 1927-29 Edna Landes (Will), Miriam Miller (Hoover)
> 1929-30 Dorothy Miller (Myers), Miriam Miller (Hoover)
> 1930-31 Edna Wampler, Miriam Miller (Hoover)
> 1931-35 Andrew J. Thomas, Miriam Miller (Hoover)
> 1935-36 Andrew J. Thomas, Rachel Roller (White)
> 1936-37 Preston Moyers, Rachel Roller (White)
> 1937-38 Edna Turner, Rachel Roller (White)
> 1938-44 Edna Turner, Frances Good (Whetzel Barnhart)
> 1944-45 Edna Turner, Mrs. Paul Sanger
> 1945-46 Edna Turner, Evelyn Bare (Driver)
> 1946-47 Edna Turner, Lucille Shank
> 1947-48 Austie Rever, Gussie Turner (Custer)
> 1948-50 Elsie Lehman, Gussie Turner (Custer)
> 1950-61 William Clegg*, Gussie Turner (Custer)
> Andrew Thomas
>
> *For the 1950-51 session, William Clegg was appointed as principal but resigned. Mr. Clegg was a member of the U.S. Reserves and was called for service in the Korean Conflict. Andrew J. Thomas returned to Genoa to take his place and remained at the school until it closed in 1961."



Above: former Genoa School, now the residence of Harlan and Hettie Mongold. Photo taken in 2009.

Below: former Genoa School, taken from "Lizzie's Hill." Hopkins Gap Road is visible in front of the former school. 2009



I will do my best to
fill these pages from
Cover to Cover with good
readings and will try
my very best to make my
writing Perfect.

Do all the good you
can in all the ways
you can to all the
people you can just
as long as you can.

Do unto others as you
would have them do to
you. Kind words can
never die. Love thy
neighbor as thy self.

First page of Ruth A. Turner's school notebook, labeled "G.G.S. 1919" (Genoa Graded School 1919)

Ruth's notebook contains poems and words of wisdoms.



Genoa School Children
About 1919

Genoa School students, with a field in the background. Myrtle Bennett, teacher, is at far left. She was the first teacher of the school. Children are unidentified.

1919-1920 Genoa School (opposite)

photo 499

1. Cletus Ritchie,
2. Earl Miller,
3. Freddie Fulk,
4. Lynwood Miller,
5. Paul Fulk,
6. Woodrow Trumbo,
7. Floyd L. Fulk,
8. Wilbur Fulk,
9. Rufus Turner,
10. Marshall Miller,
11. Owen Trumbo,
12. Paul Runion,
13. John Miller.
14. Ralph Phillips,
15. Nellie Turner May (Mrs. Walter "Pete" May),
16. Pauline Ritchie Fulk (Mrs. Galen Fulk),
17. Ethel Wine Turner (Mrs. Harry Turner),
18. Cammie Mumbert Hulvey Bare (Mrs. Charles Bare),
19. Mary Fulk Turner (Mrs. Kale Turner),
20. Gladys Miller Miller (Mrs. Wesley Miller),
21. Florence Reedy,
22. Irene Ritchie Furey,
23. Margie Trumbo Huffman (Mrs. Joseph Huffman),
24. Martha Sager Custer,
25. Maida Sager Custer,
26. Jerry Reedy,
27. Orie Mumbert,
28. Maynard Fulk,
29. Galen Fulk,
30. Miles Fulk,
31. Brunk Shickle,
32. Kathleen Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Thomas Ritchie),
33. Helen Shoemaker Shirkey,
34. Nellie Shoemaker Fulk (Mrs. Herman Fulk),
35. Georgie Southerly Shoemaker (Mrs. C. Boyd Shoemaker).
36. Ruth Turner Turner (Mrs. Lloyd Turner),
37. Ruth Ritchie Roadcap Dove (Mrs. Paul Roadcap, Mrs. Thomas Dove),
38. Rhoda Fulk Turner May (Mrs. Berlin Turner, Mrs. Charles May),
39. Maude Turner Ritchie (Mrs. Lawrence Ritchie),
40. Verdie Custer Miller (Mrs. Paul V. “Mick” Miller),
41. Irene Shoemaker Miller (Mrs. Robert Miller),
42. Glendon Jack Ritchie,
43. Sidney Reedy,
44. Clory "Slim" Southerly,
45. Kale Turner,
46. Claude Bare,
47. C. Boyd "Cookus" Shoemaker,
48. Iva Cooper Gordon, teacher.



First class at Genoa School
1919-1920
Photo 499

First year of school at Genoa, 1919-1920. Iva Cooper Gordon is the teacher, far left, back row.



First class at Genoa School
1919-1920
Photo 370

This photograph is the same as the previous page, but the teachers changed places. Myrtle Bennett is the teacher in this photograph.



1919-1920 school term

Photo 3637

Genoa school children.

1. Unidentified
2. Unidentified
3. Kathleen Fulk Ritchie (?)
4. Unidentified
5. Goldie Turner Hoover (Mrs. Russell Hoover).
6. Unidentified
7. Unidentified
8. Ruth Turner Turner (Mrs. Lloyd Turner)
9. Velma Turner Cooper (Mrs. Basil Cooper),
10. – 14 unidentified



1919-1920 school term

Photo 3636

Genoa School group, about 1919.
1. Unidentified
2. Unidentified
3. Unidentified
4. Unidentified
5. Unidentified
6. may be the Sager twins. Maida and Martha Sager,
7. may be the Sager twins. Maida and Martha Sager,
8. Unidentified
9. Unidentified
10. Unidentified
11. Velma Turner Cooper (Mrs. Basil Cooper),
12. Goldie Turner Hoover (Mrs. Russell Hoover),

The Dec. 19, 1919 issue of *The Daily News-Record* lists the honor students for Genoa Graded School. Iva Cooper was the Principal and Myrtle Bennett, the Assistant. The honor roll students were:

Seventh Grade – Ruth Turner

Sixth Grade – Irene Shumaker, Helen Shumaker, and Nellie Shumaker, and Charles Shumaker.

Fifth Grade – Maudie Turner and Brunk Shickle

Fourth Grade – Verdie Custer, Miles Fulk and Maynard Fulk.

Third Grade – Irene Ritchie and Galen Fulk

Second Grade – Cletus Ritchie, Floyd Fulk, and Pauline Ritchie

First Grade – (A) Paul Runion and Ralph Fulk

First Grade – (B) Freddy Fulk, Paul Fulk and Ethel Wine

First Grade – (C) Nellie Turner, Woodrow Trumbo, Marjorie Trumbo, and Rufus Turner.



Genoa School 4th grade,
1919-1920
Photo 0492

Seated, left to right:
1. Maynard Fulk,
2. Kathleen Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Thomas Ritchie),
3. Miles Fulk,

Standing, left to right:
4. Harry Trumbo,
5. Verdie Custer Miller (Mrs. Paul V. Miller),
6. Sidney Reedy,
7. Earl Fulk,
8. Owen Fulk

Notice the horse and buggy in the left of the photo.



Genoa School 5th grade
1919-1920
Photo 501

1. Maude Turner Ritchie (Mrs. Lawrence Ritchie),
2. Kingsley Trumbo,
3. Rhoda Fulk Turner May (Mrs. Berlin Turner, Mrs. Charles May),
4. Gilbert Fulk,
5. Claude Miller,
6. Arthur Haines,
7. Herman Fulk.

Man in background is St. Clair "Sink" Miller. The woman in black is unidentified.



Genoa School 6th grade
1919-1920
Photo 3629

Back row:

1. Kale Turner far left
2. Glendon "Jack" Ritchie
3. Irene Shoemaker Miller
4. Charles "Cookus" Shoemaker
5. Clarence Custer

Front row:

6. Helen Shoemaker Shirkey
7. Kingsley Trumbo
8. Nellie Shoemaker Fulk



Genoa School
Sixth Grade
1919-1920

1. Kale Turner
2. Irene Shoemaker Miller
3. Unidentified
4. Nellie Shoemaker Fulk
5. Clarence Custer [?]
6. Charles Boyd "Cookus" Shoemaker
7. Helen Shoemaker Shirkey

The children may have presented a program on this day. Notice that the girls are dressed alike.



Genoa School
early 1920
Photo 500

1. Pauline Ritchie Fulk (Mrs. Galen Fulk),
2. Kathleen Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Tom Ritchie),
3. Irene Ritchie,
4. Helen Shoemaker Shirkey,
5. Nellie Shoemaker Fulk (Mrs. Herman Fulk),
6. Verdie Custer Miller (Mrs. Paul V. "Mick" Miller),
7. Maude Turner Ritchie (Mrs. Lawrence Ritchie),
8. Irene Shoemaker Miller (Mrs. Robert Miller),
9. Rhoda Fulk Turner May (Mrs. Berlin Turner, Mrs. Charles May).



Genoa School

early 1920s

Photo 0502

Front row, left to right:

1. Myrtle Bennett, teacher,
2. Velma Turner Cooper (Mrs. Basil Cooper),
3. Irene Ritchie Furey,
4. Martha Sager Custer,
5. Mary Fulk Turner (Mrs. Kale Turner),
6. Maida Sager Custer,
7. Kathleen Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Thomas Ritchie),

Back row, on fence, left to right

8. Cletus Ritchie,
9. Paul Fulk,
10. Kale Turner,
11. Floyd L. Fulk,
12. Earl Fulk,
13. Owen Fulk,
14. Clarence Custer



Genoa School
about 1924
Photo 0494

1. Unidentified,
2. Russell Shoemaker,
3. Marshall Shoemaker,
4. Marshall Miller,
5. Lynwood Miller,
6. Turner Fulk,
7. Harrison Fulk,
8. Ethel Shoemaker Wine (Mrs. Aubrey Wine),
9. Vada Custer Fulk (Mrs. Earl Fulk,
10. Nellie Turner May (Mrs. Walter "Pete" May),
11. Maida Sager Custer,
12. Martha Sager Custer,
13. Margie Trumbo Huffman,
14. Unidentified
15. unidentified,
16. Owen Miller,
17. Unidentified,
18. Owen Trumbo,
19. Rufus Turner,
20. Charles Miller,
21. Woodrow Trumbo,
22. Garland Hess,
23. Billy Sager,
24. Mary Holsinger, teacher,
25. Sterling Ritchie



Genoa School
1924
Photo 0495

Front row, left to right:

1. Georgia Southerly Shoemaker (Mrs. C. Boyd Shoemaker),
2. Irene Ritchie Furey,
3. Kathleen Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Thomas Ritchie),
4. Pauline Ritchie Fulk (Mrs. Galen Fulk),
5. Lena Turner Fulk (Mrs. Ralph Fulk),
6. Gladys Miller Miller,
7. Mary Fulk Turner (Mrs. Kale Turner),
8. Ethel Wine Turner (Mrs. Harry Turner),
9. Nellie Turner May (Mrs. Walter "Pete" May),

Back row, left to right:

10. Wilbur Fulk
11. Cletus Ritchie,
12. Roy Bare,
13. Ralph Fulk.
14. Owen Fulk,
15. Galen Fulk,
16. Earl Miller,
17. Harry Turner,
18. Floyd L. Fulk,
19. Woodrow Turner,
20. Fannie Holsinger, teacher,
21. Paul Fulk? Hidden behind #2



Genoa School
in 1920s
Photo 0497

1. Owen Fulk,
2. Maynard Fulk,
3. Sidney Reedy,
4. Miles Fulk,
5. Galen Fulk,
6. Kale Turner,
7. Brunk Shickle,
8. Orie Mumbert,
9. Arthur Haines,
10. Irene Ritchie Furey,
11. Pauline Ritchie Fulk (Mrs. Galen Fulk),
12. Kathleen Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Thomas Ritchie),
13. Verdie Custer Miller (Mrs. Paul V. "Mick" Miller),
14. Irene Shoemaker Miller (Mrs. Robert Miller),
15. Maudie Turner Ritchie (Mrs. Lawrence Ritchie),
16. Rhoda Fulk Turner May (Mrs. Berlin Turner, Charles May),
17. Mary Fulk Turner (Mrs. Kale Turner),
18. Nellie Shoemaker Fulk (Mrs. Herman Fulk)



Genoa School
1927
Photo 3635

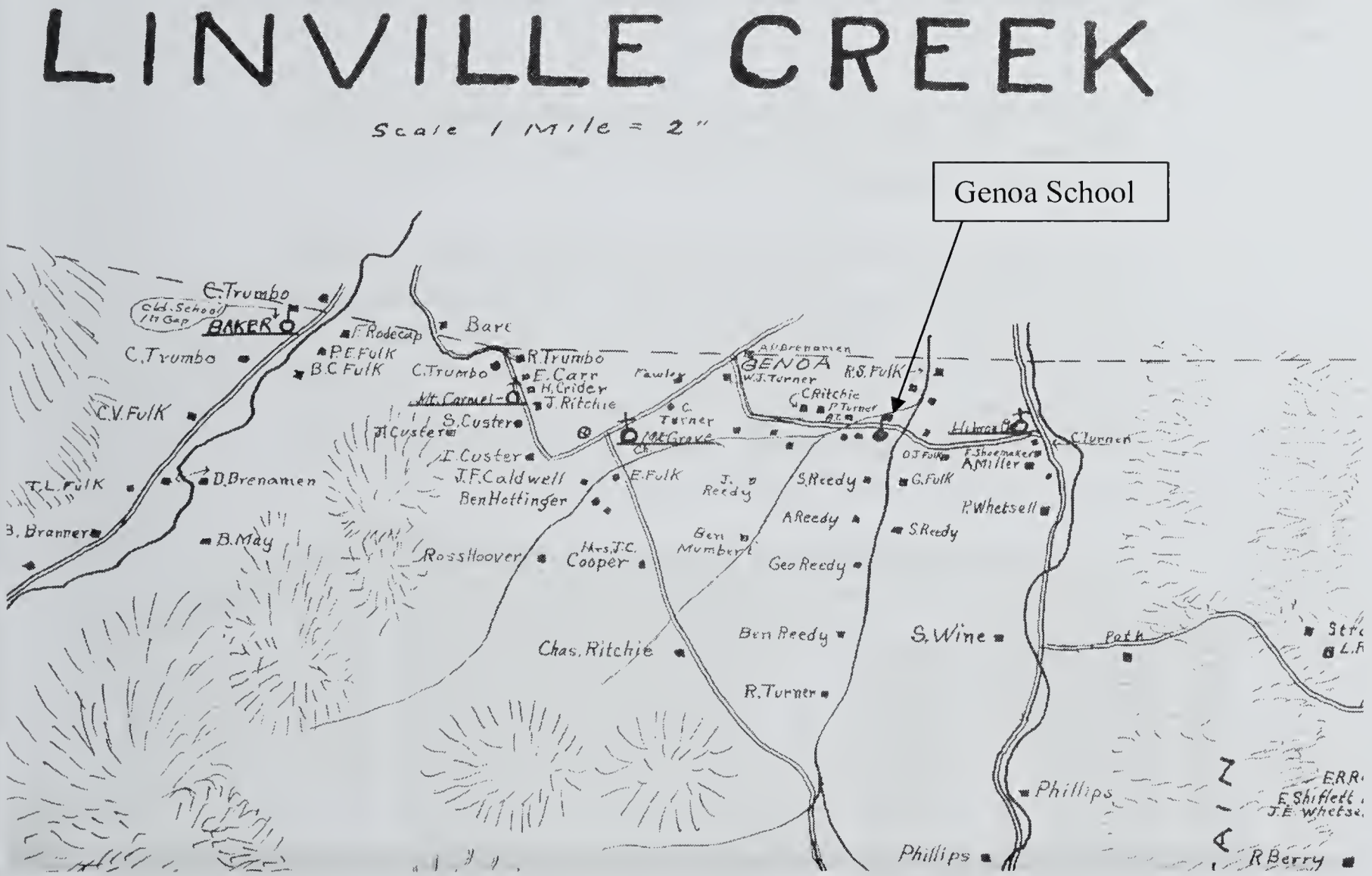
1. Unidentified
2. Unidentified
3. Unidentified
4. Unidentified
5. Mary Fulk Turner (Mrs. Kale Turner)
6. Kathleen Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Thomas Ritchie
7. Vada Custer Miller (Mrs. Paul V. Miller)
8. Ethel Wine Turner (Mrs. Harry Turner)
7. Alma Cooper Ritchie
8. unidentified
9. Nellie Turner Mumbert May
10. Unidentified
11. Unidentified
12. Unidentified
13. Unidentified
14. Unidentified
15. Unidentified
16. Unidentified



Genoa School Girls
1927
Photo 496

Students, left to right, are:

1. Nellie Turner Mumbert May (Mrs. Orie Mumbert & Mrs. Walter "Pete" May),
2. Kathleen Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Thomas Ritchie)
3. Vada Custer Fulk (Mrs. Earl Fulk),
4. Unidentified,
5. Ethel Wine Turner (Mrs. Harry Turner),
6. Alma Cooper Ritchie (Mrs. Cletus Ritchie),
7. Mary Fulk Turner (Mrs. Kale Turner),



Genoa School was located in Linville District mid-way between Hebron Mennonite Church (still in existence) and the Genoa Post Office at the cross roads of Highway 612 (Hopkins Gap Road) and Highway 815 (Third Hill Road).

This map is from the 1935 Rockingham County Atlas by Noah Showalter.

Story from Genoa School Days

This story is from page 40 of *Life & Times of Herman B. Turner* by Herman B. Turner, written in 2001.

> "The Genoa Grade School was a two room school house. It had a little room and a big room. The big room had a fourth grade through the eighth grade.
>
> Floyd Fulk was in the big room and in the Eighth grade. He had a un in with the teacher, Miss Edna Landes. He had somehow got the teacher so peeved and angry at him that she made the remark, "I am so angry that I could blow up!" Floyd, jumping up out of his seat said, "Let me out of here first!" Edna said to him, "Set down and take your seat." Floyd obeyed. Thus ended the little battle. I was there at the time. Edna was a very strict teacher.
>
> Floyd later became a minister in the Methodist Church."



1930s

Genoa School
1931-32
Pictured on opposite page

Top row, left to right:
1. Blanche Reedy Hess (Mrs. Garland Hess),
2. Pascal "Jim" Cooper,
3. Granvil Bare,
4. Lucille Fulk Shoemaker (Mrs. Lawrence Shoemaker),
5. Ott Trumbo,
6. Arnold Reedy,
7. Carl Turner,
8. Ivan Sager,

Second row, left to right:
9. Johnny Phillips,
10. Matthew Ritchie,
11. Robert Sager,
12. Dorothy Bare
13. Miriam Miller Hoover, teacher,
14. Maida Reedy Fulk Myers (married Maynard Fulk, Isaac Myers),
15. Matthew Fulk,
16. Lester Shoemaker,
17. Marjorie Reedy,

Third row, left to right:
18. Ernest Hoover,
19. Marjorie Fulk Carr (Mrs. Noah Carr),
20. Richard Carr,
21. Garnett Turner,
22. Trovilla Miller
23. Kathleen Shoemaker (married a Salvation Army preacher in Texas).
24. Ola Reedy Keister (Mrs. Jack Keister),
25. Mae Reedy,
26. Ernest Fulk

Fourth row, left to right:
27. Naomi Fulk Custer (Mrs. Millard "Pete" Custer),
28. Charlotte Shoemaker Miller (Mrs. L. Paul Miller),
29. Gifford Turner,
30. Dorothy Trumbo Mason (Mrs. Carroll Mason).
31. Stamford Ritchie,
32. Nile Shoemaker,
33. Golenna Bare (?)



Genoa School
1931-32
Photo 0426

Genoa School
about 1933

Photo 0423

Pictured on opposite page

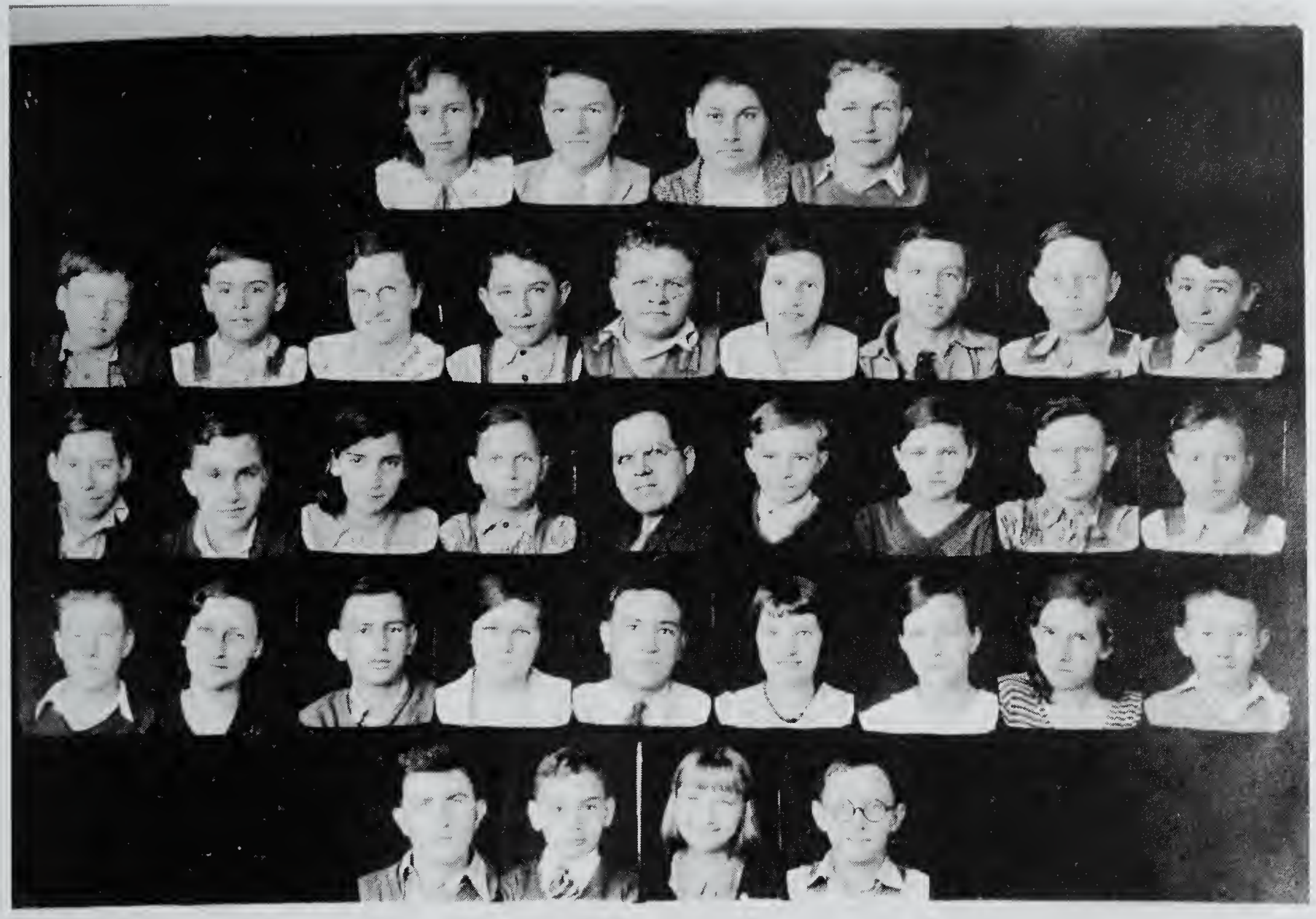
Top row, left to right
1. Vada Phillips,
2. Roy Turner,
3. Ruby Bare Sager (Mrs. Otis Sager),
4. Delmar Ritchie,

Second row, left to right:
5. Trovilla Carr,
6. Trovilla "Bill" Miller,
7. Lacy Carr Reece,
8. Raymond Sager,
9. Lester Shoemaker,
10. Tiny Reedy,
11. Orval Hoover,
12. Shirley Cooper,
13. Shirley Reedy,

Third row, left to right:
14. Lawrence Shumaker,
15. Marshall Turner,
16. Lucille Shoemaker Fulk,
17. Gifford Turner,
18. Andrew Thomas, teacher,
19. Elwood Hoover,
20. Frances Fulk Fawley (Mrs. Stanley Fawley,
21. Granvil Turner,
22. Ott Trumbo,

Fourth row, left to right:
23. Shirley Carr,
24. Velma Shoemaker Priest (Mrs. Harold Priest)
25. Lee Phillips,
26. Maida Reedy Fulk, (Mrs. Maynard Fulk)
27. John Trumbo,
28. Wilma Hoover Ritchie (Mrs. Ralph Ritchie,
29. Alma Trumbo Koogler (Mrs. Glen Koogler),
30. Ethel Shoemaker Wine,
31. Baylor Dove,

Fifth row, left to right:
32. Harrison Fulk,
33. Stanley Fawley,
34. Nova Roadcap Fulk (Mrs. Ernest C. Fulk),
35. Pascal "Jim" Cooper



Genoa School
about 1933
Photo 0423

Genoa School, 1933

Pictured on opposite page (Photo 0424)

Top row, left to right:
1. Gifford Shoemaker,
2. Effie Bare Fulk Shaeffer,
3. Willard Turner,
4. Ogretta Carr Lloyd,
5. Baxter Hottinger,
6. Lillian Fulk Roadcap Warren (Mrs. Alvin Roadcap, Mrs. Frank Warren),

Second row, left to right:
7. William Roadcap,
8. Nelson Crider,
9. Gerald Custer,
10. Alvin Roadcap,
11. Frances Turner,
12. Joe Parks,
13. Eva Ritchie,
14. Matthew Sager,
15. June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith (Mrs. Belmont Ritchie, --- Smith),

Third row, left to right:
16. Leonard Bare,
17. Grace Reedy,
18. Helen Fulk Whitmer
19. Harold Trumbo,
20. Rachel Roller White, teacher,
21. Zane Turner,
22. Leonard Turner,
23. Wanda Scudder Cooper,
24. Wayne Turner,

Fourth row, left to right:
25. Hope Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Matthew Ritchie),
26. Wilta Shumaker Tusing Reedy (Mrs. Irvin Tusing, Mrs. Garland Reedy),
27. Reba Dare Fulk Slater (Mrs. Delbert Slater),
28. Vada Turner May (Mrs. Ellwood May),
29. Herman Hoover,
30. Garland Reedy,
31. Schuler Hulvey,
32. Willie Carr,
33. Corrine Trimble Flickinger Mongold Wilkins,

Bottom row, left to right:
34. Harold Hoover,
35. Edward Fulk,
36. Edwin Hess,
37. Carl Grey Hoover,
38. Howard C. Fulk Jr.,
39. Rita Roadcap.



Genoa School
1933
Photo 0424

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Genoa School
about 1934

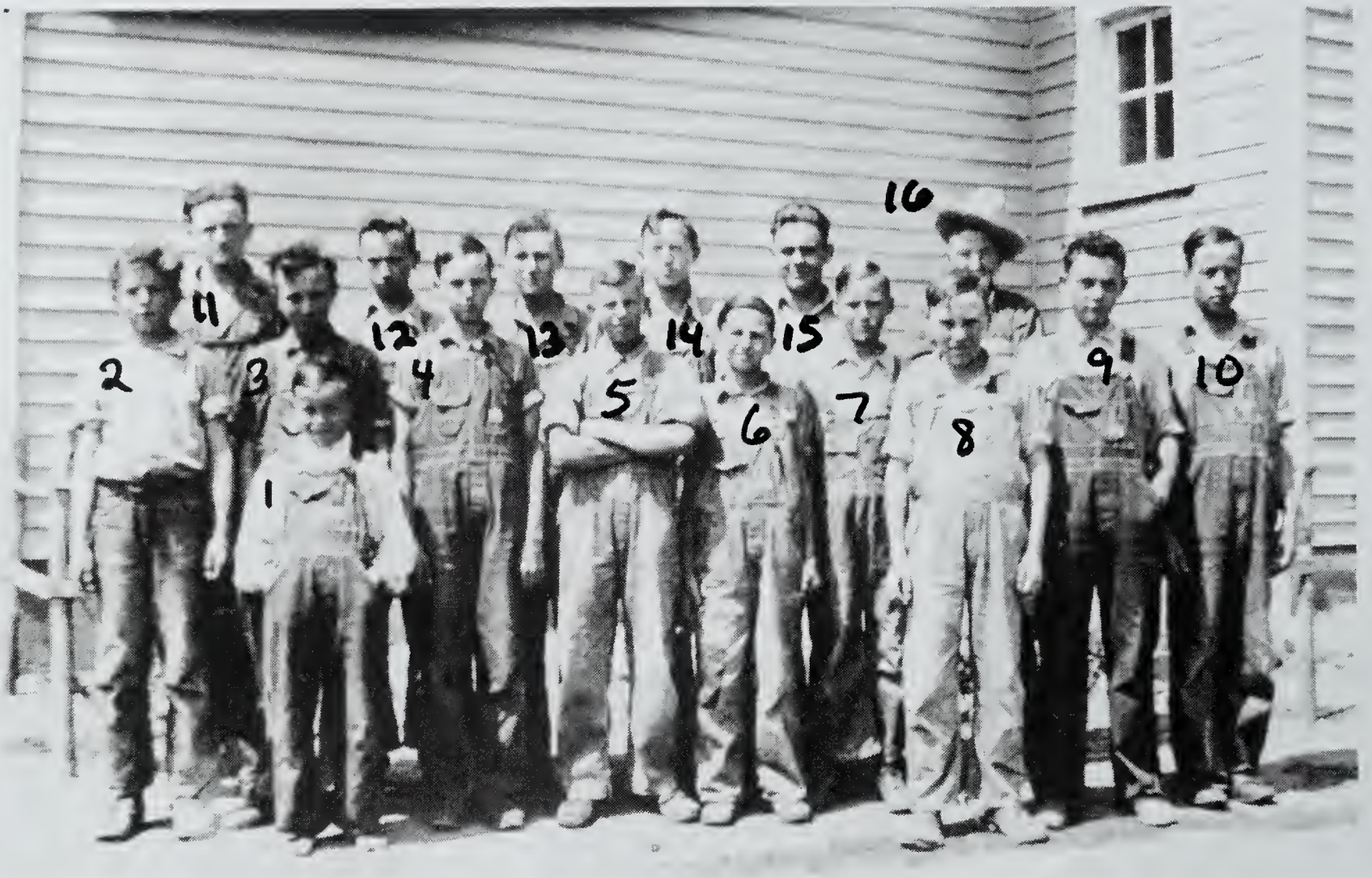
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Pictured on opposite page

1. Wayne Miller
2. Lena Sager
3. Irene Sellers
4. Dorothy Trumbo Mason
5. Charlotte Sellers
6. Carl Turner
7. Lucille Fulk Shoemaker
8. Trovilla Carr
9. Ernest Hoover
10. Ott Trumbo
11. Matthew Fulk
12. Gifford Turner
13. Dwight Hoover
14. Stanley Fawley
15. Elwood Hoover
16. Tina Reedy
17. Raymond Sager
18. Vada Phillips
19. Granvil Turner
20. Trovilla Miller
21. Whitney Trumbo
22. Pascal “Jim” Cooper
23. Ivan Sager



Genoa School
about 1934
Photo 0491



Genoa School
1934-35
Photo 0425

1. Elmer Carr Jr.,
2. Shirley Miller,
3. Ott Trumbo,
4. Gifford Turner,
5. Dwight Hoover,
6. Garnett Turner,
7. Ernest Hoover,
8. Robert Sager,
9. Carl Turner,
10. Trovilla Carr,
11. Granvil Turner,
12. Whitney Trumbo,
13. Ivan Sager,
14. Pascal “Jim” Cooper,
15. Trovilla "Bill" Miller,
16. Ernest Fulk?



School Memories

Left to right: Toy airplane made by Garnett Turner at Genoa and his metal dinner bucket. All country people called the mid-day meal "dinner," and the evening meal was called "supper." In the Turner family, a typical school dinner was an apple butter bread sandwich, butter bread sandwich, and a home-canned pickle.



Miriam Miller Hoover,
Genoa School teacher 1927-1935

Mrs. Hoover had a special bond with the younger children. After a break while rearing her own children, she began teaching again at Broadway Elementary and later at the new Fulks Run Elementary. As a special treat, she invited several children at a time to spend the night at her home on Dry River. Here she is pictured in 1933 with first grader Garnett Turner.



Pliers Doubled as Tooth Pulling Instruments

Garnett Turner left Genoa School one day in 1932 to go to near-by Custer's store to have his loose tooth pulled. John H. Custer, who served as the neighborhood dentist, grabbed his pliers off the wall, pulled Garnett's tooth, and sent the boy back to school.

Genoa School
about 193_?
Photo 0427
Pictured on opposite page

1. Frances Fulk Fawley (Mrs. Stanley Fawley),
2. Orville Hoover,
3. Delmar Ritchie,
4. Raymond Sager,
5. Ruby Bare Sager (Mrs. Otis Sager),
6. Trovilla Carr,
7. Wilma Hoover Ritchie (Mrs. Ralph Ritchie),
8. Harrison Fulk,
9. Andrew Thomas, teacher,
10. Marshall Turner,
11. Roy Turner,
12. Lucille Fulk Shoemaker (Mrs. Lawrence Shoemaker),
13. Ott Trumbo,
14. Shirley Cooper,
15. Tiny Reedy Miller,
16. Vada Phillips,
17. Ernest Miller,
18. John Trumbo,
19. Velma Shoemaker Priest (Mrs. Harold Priest),
20. Lawrence Shoemaker,
21. Nova Roadcap Fulk (Mrs. Ernest C. Fulk),
22. Lacy Carr Reese (Mrs. William Reese),
23. Granvil Turner,
24. Alma Hoover Fulk (Mrs. Joseph Fulk),
25. Alma Trumbo Koogler (Mrs. Glen Koogler),



Genoa School
about 193_?
Photo 0427

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Genoa School
1935-36
Photo 0422
Pictured on opposite page

1. Ernest Hoover,
2. Gifford Turner,
3. Dwight Hoover,
4. Elmer Carr Jr..
5. Robert Sager,
6. Garnett Turner,
7. Carl Turner.
8. Ott Trumbo,
9. Shirley Miller,
10 Trovilla Carr,
11. Pascal "Jim" Cooper,
12. Whitney Trumbo,
13. Ivan Sager,
14. Granvil Turner,
15. Ernest Fulk



Genoa School
1935-36
Photo 0422

Genoa School, "Primary room"
Fall 1935, Photo Carl G Hoover0002

1. Matthew Sager
2.
3.
4.
5. Vada Turner May (Mrs. Ellwood May)
6. Nelson Crider
7. Ed
8. Wayne A. Turner
9.
10. Corrine Trimble
11. June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith
12.
13.
14.
15. Wayne Miller
16.
17.
18.
19. Carl G. Hoover
20.
21. Baxter Hottinger
22. Gene Miller
23.
24.
25. Eva Ritchie
26. Charlotte Miller
27.
28.
29. Lillian Fulk Roadcap Warren
30. Hope Fulk Ritchie
31. Effie Bare Fulk
32.
33.
34. William Roadcap
35.
36.
37.
38.
39.
40.
41.
42. Nile Shoemaker
43. Marjorie Fulk Carr
44.
45.



Genoa School
Fall 1935
"Primary room"
Photo Carl G Hoover0002

This photo is from teacher Rachel Roller's collection. She labeled it "Primary room Genoa Fall 1935."



Genoa School
1935
First Grade
Photo CGHoover 007

Back row, left to right:
Wayne A. Turner, Edward Fulk, Baxter Hottinger, Hope Fulk, June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith, Wilta Shumaker Tusing Reedy, Carl Grey Hoover, Nelson Crider.

Seated, left to right:
Eugene Miller, Leonard Turner, Matthew Sager, Alvin Roadcap, Bernard Shifflet, Stanley Reedy.

This picture was owned by teacher Rachel Roller. On the back of this photo, she identified the students and the year. She also noted that Bernard Shifflet and Stanley Reedy moved.



Genoa School
Mid-1930s (?)
Photo Carl G Hoover 0004

1. Helen Fulk
2. Vada Turner May
3. Gerald "Jim" Custer
4. Leonard Turner
5. Wilta Shumaker Tusing Reedy
6. Eunice Reedy
7.
8. Willie Carr
9. Eva Ritchie
10. Lillian Fulk Roadcap Warren
11. Harold Hoover
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(In the original photo, the heads of the children in the back row were cut off.)

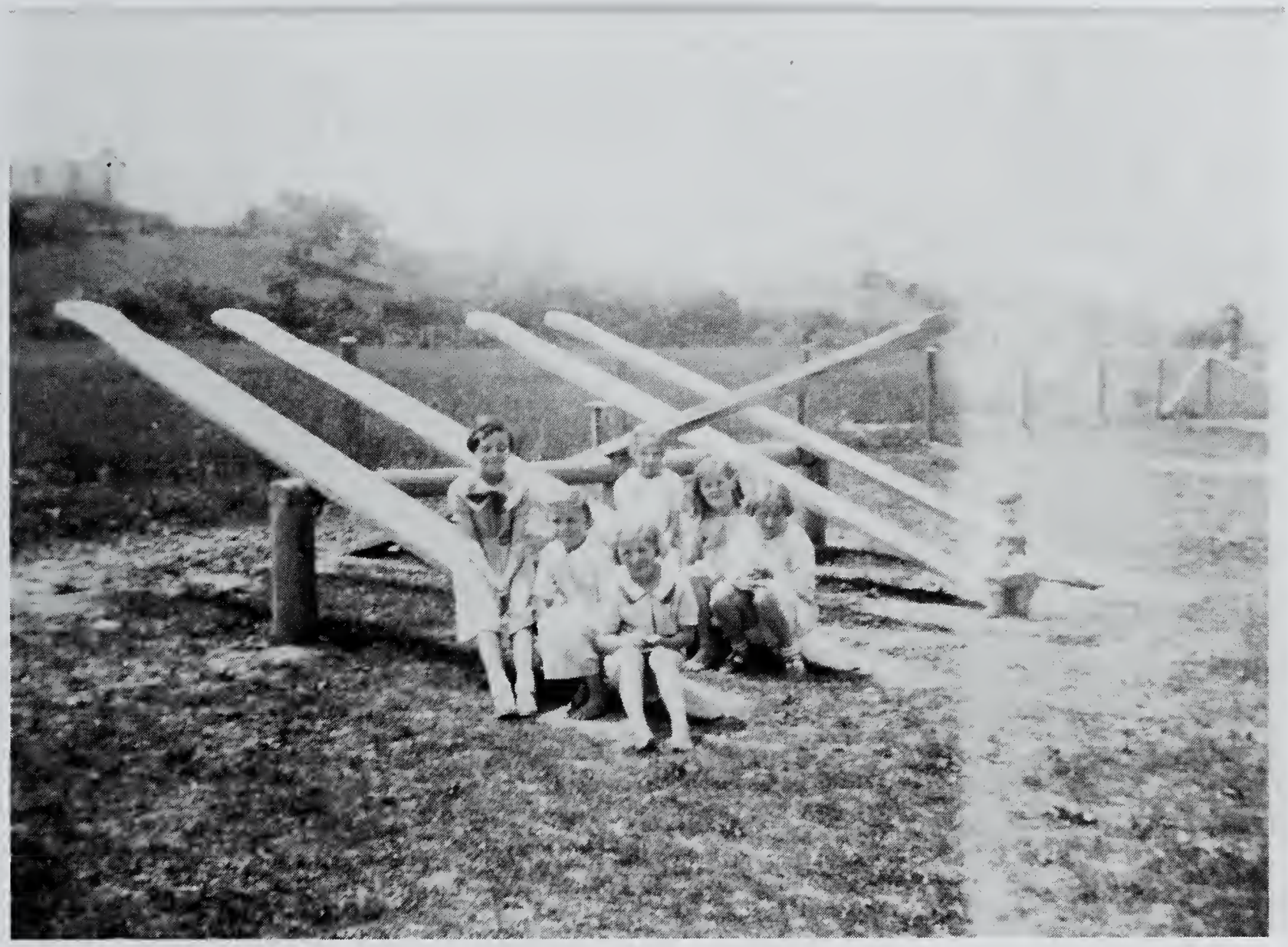


Genoa School
1935 (?)
Third Grade
Photo CGHoover 004

Back row, left to right: Granville Bare, Matthew Ritchie, Stanford Ritchie, Ford Shoemaker, Nile Shoemaker, Arnold Reedy, Marshall Carr,

Front row, left to right: Charlotte Shoemaker, Ola Reedy, Margie Reedy, Virginia Hess, Marjorie Fulk

This picture was owned by teacher Rachel Roller. On the back of this photo, she identified the students but not the year. She also noted that Ola Reedy and Margie Reedy moved.



Genoa School Playground
Mid-1930s
Photo Carl G Hoover0006

Left to right:
Vada Turner May (?), Lillian Fulk Roadcap Warren, Hope Fulk Ritchie, Willie Carr Moyers, Wilta Shumaker Tusing Reedy, and June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith. Boy on the seesaw is unidentified.

Notice John H. Custer's store on the hill at the left. His store was later known as "Lizzie's Store" after he died.



Genoa School Playground
Mid-1930s
Photo Carl G Hoover0003

Left to right:
Reba Dare Fulk Slater (Mrs. Delbert Slater), Wilton Thomas, Virginia Ann Fawley Hulvey (Mrs. Glen Hulvey) and unidentified.

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MY WEEKLY READER

THE JUNIOR NEWSPAPER

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Armistice Day Makes Us Think of Peace

NOVEMBER 11 is Armistice (ar'mis-stis) Day. That is the day on which people want to ink of peace. Armistice means the stopping of ghting. Armistice Day is the day on which ghting stopped in the great World War 17 ears ago.



The Vice President Sails for the Philippines

Armistice Day this year will not be a very appy time. People are talking of war. They re talking of the war between Ethiopia and Italy. Many are afraid that it may be another world war before it is ended. Much is being done to stop the war in Ethiopia. The League of Nations is doing all it can to stop the fighting.

Fifty-nine nations belong to the League of Nations. They belong to the League because they want to do away with war. Soon after the men of Ethiopia and Italy started to fight, the League held a meeting. The League met to find out who was to blame for starting the fighting. It held that Italy was to blame. So the League said to all nations which belong to it, "You must not lend Italy any money."

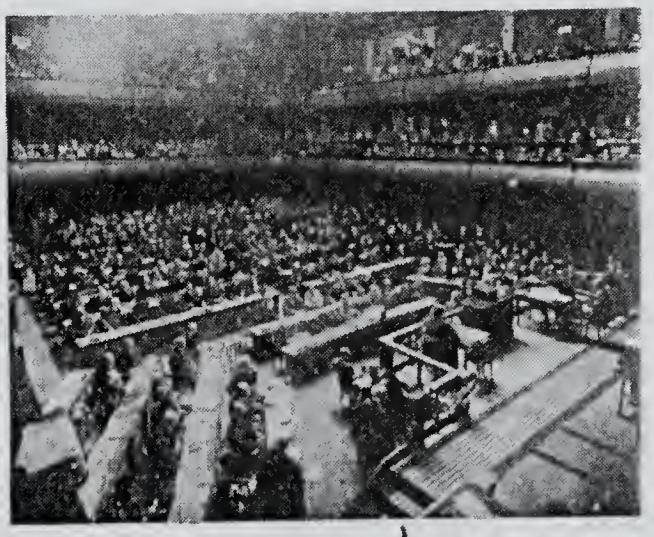
The League did this to make Italy stop fighting. Italy needs money to carry on war. The League thinks that Italy will have to stop fighting if she cannot get money. The League also said to all nations which belong to it, "Do not sell any more war supplies to Italy." This would make it all the harder for Italy to keep on fighting.

The League of Nations will be 16 years old in January. Never before has it tried in this way to stop a war. Many people think that the League is doing a very good thing. They think that if this plan will work, we shall not have so many wars.

Our country does not belong to the League of Nations. Perhaps some day, our country will join it. But even if we are not in the League, we are doing much to stop war. We are trying to be a good neighbor to other countries. Good neighbors do not fight. Instead, they try to be friendly.

One way to show friendship for other countries is to go to see them. Last month, President Roosevelt asked two of his helpers to go to see some of our neighbors. Mr. Garner, our Vice President, and Mr. Dern, our Secretary of War, went to the Philippine Islands and Japan. They went because they wanted to show that our country wishes to be friendly. The Emperor of Japan and the new President of the Philippines gave big dinners and received our men in the most friendly way.

Before Mr. Garner left Washington, D. C. for Japan, his friends joked with him about his socks. They said, "When you go to see the Emperor of Japan, you will have to leave your shoes outside the palace. Be sure that you wear your best socks. Some time ago, an important American went to see the Emperor. When he took off



The League of Nations Tries To Work Out Plans To Stop Wa

Weekly Reader, November 4-8, 1935

My Weekly Reader was included with the students' book fees, at least in the 1930s and 1940s.

Genoa School
1935 or 1936

Photo 0430

Pictured on opposite page

Top row, left to right:

1. Stamford Ritchie,
2. Virginia Hess Leonard (Mrs. Isaac Leonard),
3. Effie Bare Fulk Shaeffer (Mrs. Moses Fulk, ___ Shaeffer),
4. Ogretta Carr Lloyd,
5. Blanche Reedy Hess (Mrs. Garland Hess),
6. Baxter Hottinger,
7. Gerald "Jim" Custer

Second row, left to right:

8. Harold Hoover,
9. Alvin Roadcap,
10. Carl Grey Hoover,
11. Edward Fulk,
12. Willard Turner,
13. William "Tuck" Roadcap,
14. Vada Turner May (Mrs. Ellwood May),
15. Lillian Fulk Roadcap Warren (Mrs. Alvin Roadcap, Mrs. Frank Warren),
16. Matthew Sager,

Third row, left to right:

17. Ford Shoemaker,
18. Nile Shoemaker,
19. Leonard Turner,
20. Harold Trumbo,
21. Rachel Roller White, teacher,
22. Nelson Crider,
23. Matthew Ritchie,
24. Willie Carr,
25. Howard C. Fulk Jr.,

Fourth row, left to right:

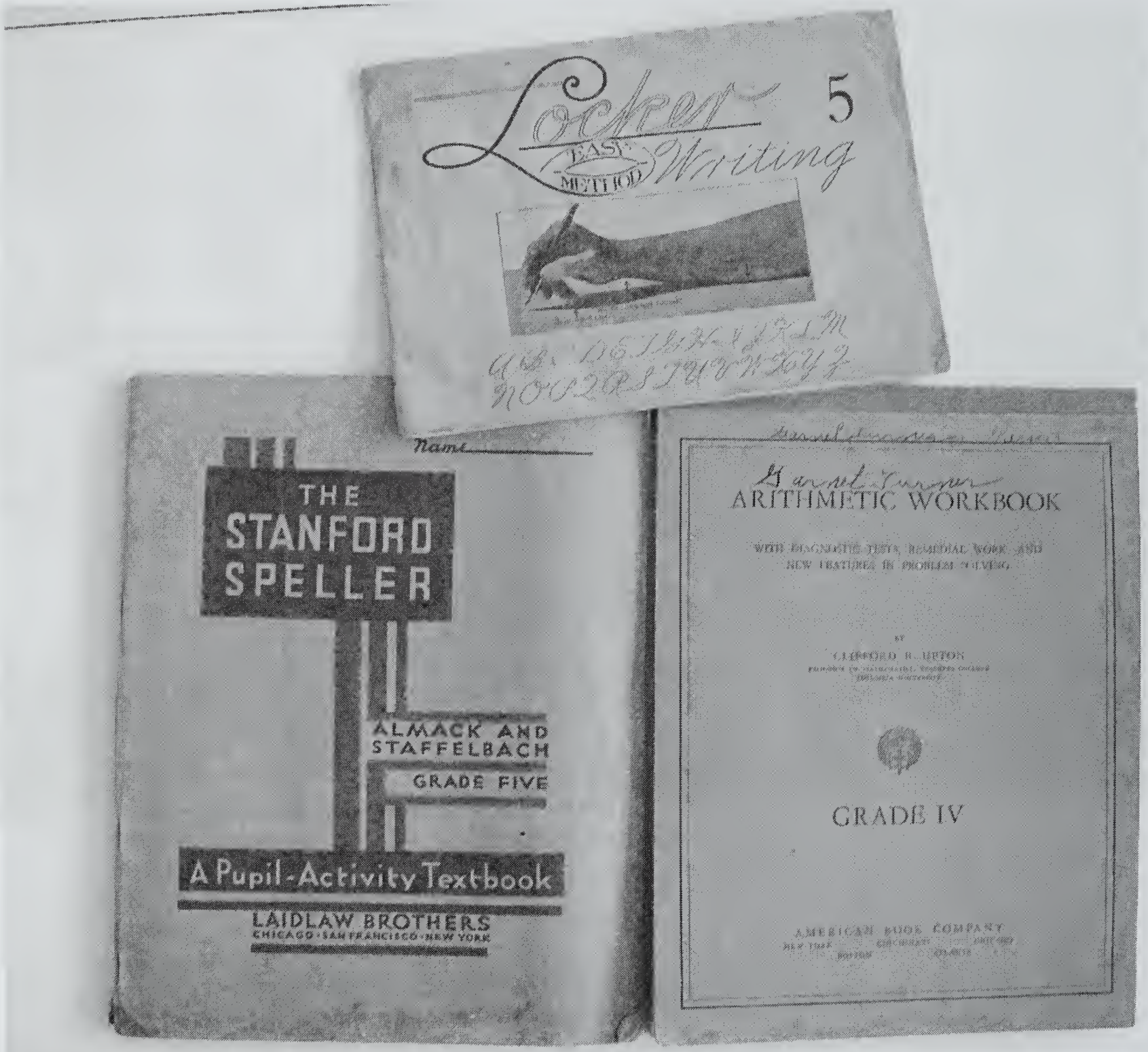
26. Wayne A. Turner,
27. Norman Reedy,
28. Marshall Carr,
29. June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith (Mrs. Belmont Ritchie,
30. Edwin "Bub" Hess,
31. Granvil Bare,
32. Stanley Miller,
33. and 34. Wayne Miller,

Bottom row, left to right:

35. Marjorie Fulk Carr (Mrs. Noah Carr),
36. Hope Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Matthew Ritchie),
37. Eva Ritchie (daughter of Jack Ritchie & Sallie Ritchie
38. Wilta Shumaker Tusing Reedy (Mrs. Irvin Tusing, Mrs. Garland Reedy),
39. Charlotte Shoemaker Miller (Mrs. L. Paul Miller),
40. Helen Fulk Whitmer (Mrs. Bruce Whitmer),



Genoa School
1935 or 1936
Photo 0430



Some Text books from 1930s

The Stanford Speller, Locker Easy Method Writing book, and American Book Company Arithmetic Workbook are some of the texts that were used at Genoa School in the 1930s.

UNIT 17

Name Garnet Ray Turner

Study List 17

Words	1	2	3	4
minister				
parade				
fray				
spear				
petal				
wore				
notion				
equal				
follow				
reunion				
quartet				
envy				
ceiling				
pond				
daughter				
quack				
replied				
repose				
reproach				
reside				
Spelling Scores				

Exercise A for Monday

1. Syllabicate **reproach, ceiling, daughter,** and **follow.** Mark the accented syllables. Write a vowel above each syllable and mark it to show the correct vowel sound. Use your dictionary.

nē pōrch' sēl'ĭng

dô'tẽr fŏl'ō

2. The ea in spear has the sound of what vowel? ē

3. In Column 1 check each word you are not sure you can pronounce. Write the words you checked and learn to pronounce them.

Exercise B for Tuesday

Write a word from Study List 17 that may be defined by:

group of four quartet combat fray

union after separation reunion had on ceiling

part of a flower petal idea notion

procession parade pursue follow

dislike another because of his good fortune envy dwell reside

female child daughter answered replied rest repose

small body of water pond overhead surface of a room ceiling

member of the clergy minister sound made by a duck quack

of the same value equal rebuke reproach sharp, pointed weapon with a long shaft spear

Exercise C for Wednesday

Put a check in Column 2 after each word you are not sure you can spell. Then write on these lines the words you need to study. Learn to spell them.

Stanford Speller

A page from Garnet Turner's 6th grade Stanford Speller, about 1937.

Genoa School
1936-37
Pictured on opposite page

Top row, left to right:
1. Shirley Miller,
2. Whitney Trumbo,
3. Granvil Turner,
4. Oliver "Ott" Trumbo,
5. Pascal "Jim" Cooper,

Second row, left to right:
6. Dorothy Trumbo Mason (Mrs. Carroll Mason),
7. Dwight Hoover,
8. Ethel Shoemaker Wine,
9. Lena Scudder Sager (Mrs. Ivan Sager),
10. Andrew Thomas, teacher,
11. Charlotte Sellers,
12. Trovilla "Bill" Miller,
13. Ernest Hoover,

Third row, left to right:
14. Irene Sellers,
15. Elmer Carr Jr.,
16. Naomi Fulk Custer (Mrs. Millard Custer),
17. Blanche Reedy Hess (Mrs. Garland Hess),
18. Goldie Dove,
19. Robert Sager,
20. Trovilla Carr,
21. Gifford Turner,

Bottom row, left to right:
22. Lucille Fulk Shoemaker (Mrs. Lawrence Shoemaker),
23. Ivan Sager,
24. Garnett Turner,
25. Ernest Fulk



Genoa School
1936-37
Photo 0429

In the original photograph, some of the pictures were faced, making it difficult to copy.

Genoa School
1937-38
Pictured on opposite page

Top, right to left,
1. Blanche Reedy Hess (Mrs. Garland Hess),
2. Ogretta Carr Lloyd,
3. June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith (married Belmont Ritchie, ___ Smith),
4. Marshall Carr,
5. Grace Reedy,
6. Stanley Miller,
7. Harold Hoover,
8. Helen Hoover Whitmer (Mrs. Bruce Whitmer),

Middle row, left to right:
9. Willard Turner,
10. Nelson Crider,
11. Eva Ritchie
12. Marjorie Fulk Carr (Mrs. Ed Carr),
13. Edna Turner, teacher,
14. Gerald Custer,
15. Edward Fulk,
16. Vada Turner May (Mrs. Ellwood May),
17. Carl Grey Hoover,

Bottom row, left to right:
18. Elmer Carr Jr.,
19. Hope Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Matthew Ritchie),
20. Wayne Miller,
21. Garnett Turner,
22. Matthew Ritchie,
23. Willie Carr Moyers,
24. Wilta Shumaker Tusing Reedy (Mrs. Irvin Tusing, Garland Reedy),
25. Charlotte Shoemaker Miller (Mrs. L. Paul Miller)



Genoa School
1937-38
Photo 0428

Name Garnet Turner Date Dec 17 Scores _____ Page 1

SUBTRACTION

1. Review the fundamental subtraction facts on Remedial Sheet 2, page 142.

Subtract. Check the work by adding upward:

	a	*b*	*c*	*d*	*e*	*f*
2.	807 195 612	821 646 175	768 369 399	608 328 280	544 399 145	600 185 415
3.	419 239 180	500 254 246	433 198 235	906 531 475	615 207 408	803 460 343
4.	600 477 123	656 506 150	820 228 592	776 497 279	937 660 277	817 109 708

	a	*b*	*c*	*d*	*e*
5.	5000 3583 2417	6054 3396 2659	9445 6855 2690	5003 1679 3324	4004 2498 1506
6.	8580 2800 5780	6000 1299 4701	9333 7697 1636	7444 5670 1874	6411 2569 1842
7.	4001 1170 2831	8770 1895 6875	7521 6467 1054	6000 4408 1592	7982 4998 2984

For more drill, turn to Remedial Sheet 8, page 148.

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A page from Garnet Turner's "The Arithmetic Workbook, Grade IV"
about 1935



Teacher's Helpers
About 1937 [?]
Photo Watering Flowers

Lillian Fulk Roadcap Warren (left) and Vada Turner May water classroom flowers at the outdoor hand pump.



Genoa School Teachers

Edna Turner (Mrs. John Turner) on left, unidentified teacher on right. Mrs. Turner taught at Genoa School from 1937 through 1947.



Inside Genoa School

Photo Genoa Inside

This photograph shows the wood stove, desks built for two, and a bookcase along the wall. The furniture on the far left wall may be a Victorola, a hand-crank record player.



Genoa School
1940s [?]
Photo "Genoa with Tree"

Notice a tree on the left is taller than the school, and some shrubs were planted in front of the school.

BERGTON

April 16, 1937

You are welcome visitors, visitors, visitors,
You are welcome visitors,
Glad to have you with us.
Come again.

**

Hail! hail! we're glad you're here,
Come again to see us,
We're glad to have you with us,
Hail! hail! we're glad you're here
Come again to see us soon.

**

We believe we have gas,
We believe this thing strong,
We all talk it and boost it
To help things along.
Rah! for Bergton! shout it out folks,
Rah! for Bergton! again.
Rah! for Bergton, whopp it up folks,
Again and again.

**

School days, school days,
Dear old Golden Rule days,
Readin' and 'ritin and 'rithmetic,
Taught to the tune of a hick'ry stick,
You were my queen in calico,
I was your bashful, barefoot beau,
And you wrote on my slate,
"I love you Joe,"
When we were a couple of kids.

Let me call you Sweetheart,
I'm in love with you.
Let me hear you whisper,
That you love me too.
Keep the love light glowing,
From your eyes so true,
Let me call you Sweetheart,
I'm in love with you.

**

With someone like you,
A pal good and true,
I'd like to leave it all behind
and go and find,
Some place that's known,
to God alone,
Just a spot to call our own.
We'll find perfect peace,
Where joys never cease,
Out there beneath a kindly sky,
We'll build a sweet little nest,
Somewhere in the West,
And let the rest of the world
go by.

**

It's a short, short life we
live here,
So let us smile while we may,
A song for every moment throughout
the livelong day.
What's the use of looking gloomy,
or what's the use of our tears,
When we know a mummy's had no fun
for mor'n three thousand years?

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Today is Monday

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Old MacDonald Had A Farm

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Arranged by W. H. Keister.

Song Sheet, April 1937

Genoa School children went to Bergton School in 1937 for a joint program. This was their song sheet. The big news in Brocks Gap was the gas drilling operation at Bergton, celebrated in the third song "We Believe We Have Gas."

Use this page for your notes.



1940s

Genoa School, 1941

Photo 0419, Pictured on opposite page

1. Garland Reedy,
2. Alvin Roadcap,
3. Zane Turner,
4. Donald Bare,
5. Unidentified
6, Carr boy, brother of Willie Carr?
7. Schuler Hulvey,
8-10 unidentified,
11. Lawson Roadcap,
12. Dorothy Simmons Whetzel (Mrs. Luke Whetzel),
13. Clara Miller Dove (Mrs. Richard Dove),
14. Unidentified
15. Loraine Phillips Reedy (Mrs. Milford Reedy),
16. -23 unidentified,
24. Miles Turner,
25. Alma Fulk Conley (Mrs. Ralph Conley),
26. Frances Turner Ringgold,
27. Retha Shoemaker Reedy (Mrs. Garland Reedy),
28. Unidentified,
29. Pauline Miller Whetzel (Mrs. Carl Whetzel),
30. Anita Hess Heath,
31. Virginia Ann Fawley Hulvey (Mrs. Glen Hulvey),
32. Joann Turner Palmer (Mrs. Charles Palmer),
33. Virginia Roadcap Kline (Mrs. Homer Kline),
34. Unidentified,
35. Neva Faye Riggleman Kingston,
36. Geneva Reedy (Mrs. Ray Smith)?
37. Goldie Reedy,
38. Gifford Shoemaker,
39. Unidentified,
40. Eva Ritchie,
41. Unidentified,
42. Erma Roadcap Long,
43. Corrine Trimble Flickinger Mongold Wilkins (Mrs. Wayne Wilkins),
44. June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith (Mrs. Belmont Ritchie, Mrs. __ Smith),
45. Eunice Reedy Dean,
46. Wilta Shumaker Tusing Reedy (Mrs. Irvin Tusing, Mrs. Garland Reedy),
47. Marjorie Fulk Carr (Mrs. Noah Carr),
48. Edward Fulk,
49. William "Tuck" Roadcap,
50. Wayne A. Turner,
51. Carl Grey Hoover,
52. Baxter Hottinger,
53. Eugene Miller,
54. Mrs. Frances Good, teacher,
55. Edna Turner, teacher



Genoa School
about 1941
Photo Carl G Hoover0001

Genoa School
about 1942
Photo 0415
Pictured on opposite page

1. Baxter Hottinger,
1a. Matthew Sager,
2. Gifford Shoemaker,
3. Alvin Roadcap,
4. Carl Grey Hoover,
5. Wayne A. Turner,
6. Zane Turner,
7. Edward Fulk,
8. William Roadcap,
9. Garland Reedy,
10. Anita Hess Heath,
11. Amy Fulk,
12. Willie Carr.
13. Hope Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Matthew Ritchie),
14. Virginia Ann Fawley Hulvey (Mrs. Glen Hulvey),
15. Kathryn Turner Fahrney,
16. Alma Fulk Conley (Mrs. Ralph Conley),
17. Alta Sue Turner Hawkins (Mrs. _ Hawkins),
18. Virginia Roadcap Kline (Mrs. Homer Kline),
19. Corrine Trimble Flickinger Mongold Wilkins (Mrs. Wayne Wilkins),
20. Eunice Reedy,
21. Erma Roadcap,
22. Ogretta Carr,
23. Eva Ritchie,
24. Vada Turner May (Mrs. L. Elwood May),
25. June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith (Mrs. Belmont Ritchie, Mrs. __ Smith)
26. Eleanor Fawley Shipe (Mrs. Freel Shipe).
27. Wilta Shumaker Tusing Reedy (Mrs. Irvin Tusing, Mrs. Garland Reedy),
28. Wanda Scudder Cooper,
29. Joann Turner Palmer (Mrs. Charles Palmer).



Genoa School
about 1942
Photo 0415



Genoa School
in 1940s
Photo 0416

1. Matthew Sager,
2. Alta Sue Turner Hawkins,
3. Reva Mumbert Keller Turner (Mrs. Junior Keller, Mrs. Neff Turner),
4. Wanda Scudder Cooper,
5. Sylvia Miller (Mrs. Billy Bare)
6. Unidentified,
7. Stanley Miller,
8. Unidentified,
9. Blanche Reedy,
10. Bessie Laurent Turner (Mrs. Philip Turner),
11. Edna Turner (Mrs. John Turner), teacher.
12. Unknown,
13. Effie Bare Fulk Shaeffer (Mrs. Moses Fulk),
14. Mary Fulk Turner (Mrs. Kale Turner) a visitor.

Notice Stanley Miller's dinner pail. It must have been a warm day when this picture was taken because at least four students are barefoot.



Genoa School Students
Photo from June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith

By the time of this photograph, Genoa School was freshly painted and well cared for.

Left to right: Hope Fulk Ritchie, Marjorie Fulk Carr, and Reba Dare Fulk Slater



Genoa School Students
Photo from June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith
Photo: Ritchie, J Shoemaker 0029

Left to right: Nannie Turner Shoemaker, Hope Fulk Ritchie, Reba Dare Fulk Slater, and Marjorie Fulk Carr



Genoa School
Photo from June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith



Sixth Grade
May 1942
Photo 6 grade 1942

Left to right, back: Lawson Roadcap, Matthew Sager, Wayne A. Turner, Kathryn Turner Fahrney, Baxter Hottinger, Wanda Scudder Cooper. Girl in front: Eva Ritchie



Seventh Grade
May 1942

Photo 7 grade 1942

Left to right: William "Tuck" Roadcap, Vada Turner May, Eleanor Fawley Shipe, Carl G. Hoover (on bicycle), Willie Carr Moyers, Wilta Shumaker Tusing Reedy (white blouse), Ogretta Carr Lloyd (in back), June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith, Hope Fulk Ritchie (on bike).



Seventh Grade
May 1942

Photo 7 grade 1942 #2

Boys in front: Unidentified and unidentified. Front row girls: Willie Carr Moyers, Eleanor Fawley Shipe, June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith, Wilta Shumaker Tusing Reedy, Hope Fulk Ritchie. *Back:* Edna Turner, teacher, Ogretta Carr Lloyd, Vada Turner May.

Genoa School
1940s
Photo 0417
Pictured on opposite page

1. Hope Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Matthew Ritchie),
2. Unidentified,
3. Lillian Fulk Roadcap Warren (Mrs. Alvin Roadcap, Mrs. Frank Warren),
4. Alma Fulk Conley (Mrs. Ralph Conley),
5. Wilta Shumaker Tusing Reedy (Mrs. Irvin Tusing, Mrs. Garland Reedy),
6. Helen Fulk Whitmer (Mrs. Bruce Whitmer),
7. Eva Ritchie,
8. Willie Carr Moyers,
9. Corrine Trimble Flickinger Mongold Wilkins (Mrs. Wayne Wilkins),
10. June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith (Mrs. Belmont Ritchie, Mrs. __ Smith),
11. Marjorie Fulk Carr (Mrs. Noah Carr),
12. Ogretta Carr Lloyd,
13. Virginia Hess Leonard (Mrs. Isaac Leonard),
14. Charlotte Shoemaker Miller (Mrs. L. Paul Miller),
15. Unidentified,
16. Grace Reedy,
17. Effie Bare Fulk Shaeffer (Mrs. Moses Fulk),



Genoa School
1940s
Photo 0417

Genoa School, 1940s

Photo 0418

Pictured on opposite page

1. Garland Reedy,
2. Alvin Roadcap,
3. Zane Turner,
4. Unidentified.
5. Schuler Hulvey,
6. Unidentified,
7. Unidentified,
8. Unidentified,
9. Neva Faye Riggleman Kingston,
10. Amy Fulk,
11. Virginia Roadcap Kline (Mrs. Homer Kline),
12. Joann Turner Palmer (Mrs. Charles Palmer),
13. Virginia Ann Fawley Hulvey (Mrs. Glen Hulvey),
14. Anita Hess Heath,
15. Unidentified,
16, unidentified,
17. Repha Shoemaker Reedy (Mrs. Garland Reedy)
18. Frances Turner Ringold
19. Alma Fulk Conley (Mrs. Ralph Conley),
20. Madeline Shoemaker Brickey (Mrs. Andy Brickey),
21. Wilta Shumaker Tusing Reedy (Mrs. Irvin Tusing, Mrs. Garland Reedy),
22.Eunice Reedy Dean
23. June Shoemaker Ritchie Smith
24. Corrine Trimble Flickinger Mongold Wilkins (Mrs. Wayne Wilkins),
25. Erma Roadcap Long,
26. Wanda Scudder Cooper,
27. Eva Ritchie,
28. Edward Fulk,
29. William Roadcap,
30. Wayne A. Turner,
31. Carl Grey Hoover,
32. Baxter Hottinger,
33. Eugene Miller
34. Edna Turner, teacher.
35. Unidentified



Genoa School
1940s
Photo 0418

Genoa School
about 1946

Photo 0420

Pictured on opposite page

1. Randolph Bare,
2. Roger Phillips,
3. Jimmy Turner,
4. Preston Bare,
5. Bobby Priest,
6. Durwood Shumaker,
7. Kay Wilkins Bowman (Mrs. Larry Bowman),
8. Phyllis Conley,
9. Evelyn Fulk Shipe (Mrs. Lowell Shipe),
10. Earl Phillips,
11. Doris Priest,
12. Marcella Fulk Turner (Mrs. Miles Turner),
13. Jane Fulk Conley (Mrs. Sonny Conley),
14. Janilee Carr,
15. Paul Wilkins,
16. Harvey Dove,
17. Fred Ritchie,
18. Bob Ritchie,
19. Eugene Philips,
20. Bydler Fulk,
21. Chester Phillips,
22. Gussie Fulk Turner Custer, teacher,
23. Wayne Roadcap



Genoa School
about 1946
Photo 0420

Genoa School
1948-49
grades 4-7
Photo 0414
Pictured on opposite page

1. Donald Bare,
2. Wilson Turner,
3. Madeline Shoemaker Brickey (Mrs. Andy Brickey),
4. Bobby Ritchie,
5. Joy Fulk Shiflet (Mrs. Glen Shiflet),
6. Clara Miller Dove (Mrs. Richard Dove),
7. Janilee Carr,
8. Eugene Phillips,
9. Shelby Bare Custer (Mrs. Elwood Custer),
10. Kathyrn Scudder Ford Wiley (Mrs. Ed Ford, Mrs. __ Wiley),
11. Bobby Reedy,
12. Milton Reese,
13. Marcella Fulk Turner (Mrs. Miles Turner),
14. Fred Ritchie,
15. Eleanor Hess Yankey (Mrs. Carroll Yankey),
16. Betty Hess Fulk Gier (Mrs. George Gier),
17. Billy Scudder,
18. Dorothy Simmons Whetzel (Mrs. Luke Whetzel),
19. Amelia Carr,
20. Violet Carr,
21. Thane Wilkins,
22. Elsie Lehman, teacher



Genoa School
1948-49
grades 4-7
Photo 0414

Genoa School 1948

Photo 421

Pictured on opposite page

1. Donald Bare
2. Clara Miller Dove
3. Shelby Bare Custer
4. Joy Fulk Shiflet
5. Milton Reese
6. Eleanor Hess Yankey
7. Geraldine Carr Mitchell
8. Lorraine Phillips Reedy
9. Vivian Fulk Whetzel
10. Dorothy Simmons Whetzel
11. Wilson Turner
12. Lawson Roadcap
13. Thane Wilkins
14. Miles Turner
15. Glade Fulk
16. William Scudder
17. Austie Rever, Teacher
18. Virginia Roadcap Kline



Genoa School
1948
Photo 421



Photo 0410

Teachers of Genoa School: Gussie Fulk Turner Custer at left, Elsie Lehman at right. Mrs. Custer and Andrew Thomas were the last teachers at Genoa School.



1950s

Genoa School
1953-54
Photo 0409
Pictured on opposite page

Top row, left to right:
Galen Ritchie,
Dorothy Shoemaker,
Jerry Fisher,
Gussie Custer, teacher,
Winston Turner,
Karen Miller Smith (Mrs. Wendell Smith),
Ronnie Phillips.

Second row left to right:
Margaret Fulk,
Preston Miller,
Ervin Bare,
Ray Wilkins,
Gloria Miller,
Junior Wilkins,
Hazel Fulk,

Third row, left to right:
Larry Reedy,
Warren Lee Reedy,
Tony Miller,
Collin Carr,
Dennis Ritchie,
Guy Dove,
Marshall Turner Jr.

Bottom row, left to right:
Jake Shoemaker,
Carol May Ritchie (Mrs. Roy Ritchie),
Rodney Fulk,
Beverly Turner



Genoa School
1953-54
Photo 0409

Genoa School
1953-54
grades 4-7,
Photo 411
Pictured on opposite page

Top row, left to right:
Bobby Priest,
Shirley Fisher,
Earl "Buck" Phillips,
Mary Lou Fulk Ritchie (Mrs. Calvin Ritchie),
Richard Trimble,
Lona Dove,
Roger Phillips,

Second row, left to right:
Jane Fulk Conley
Harvey Hoover,
Janet Ritchie Sager (Mrs. Ivan Sager),
Sonny Junior Carr,
Patsy May Reedy (Mrs. Tommy Reedy),
Trenton Ritchie,
Arlene Miller Bare (Mrs. Donald Bare).

Third row, left to right:
Carl "Chuck" Miller,
Jean Turner Fulk (Mrs. James Fulk),
Boyd Fulk,
Evelyn Fulk Shipe (Mrs. Lowell Shipe),
Esther Ritchie,
Garry Miller,
Robert "Bob" Miller,

Fourth row, left to right:
Andrew Thomas, teacher,
Wayne Roadcap,
Nancy Dove Lloyd,
Preston Bare,



Genoa School
1953-54
grades 4-7

Photo 411 1953-54



Two girls inside Genoa School, 1950s.

Wanda Scudder Cooper is on right. Note the small collection of books under the bulletin board.

Photo 0412



Gussie Fulk Custer Turner, teacher, at desk inside Genoa School, 1950s. She and Andrew Thomas were the last two teachers in Genoa school in 1960-61

Photo 0413

We have not been able to find many photographs of students from the 1950s. If you have any, please let us know for future copies of the Genoa School book.

Genoa School to Close Doors After 42 Years

***Daily News-Record*, June 6, 1961**

FULKS RUN: In October of 1919, the Genoa Grade School swung open its doors to pupils who had been attending a dingy, crowded one room school nearby. Proudly the pupils entered the new two room school where their teachers, Miss Iva Cooper and Miss Myrtle Bennett, awaited their coming.

Throughout two decades the school served as a community center. Under the direction of many teachers, boys and girls have grown to adulthood and departed to distant places, some serving their country in military duty and some to find city jobs, some becoming housewives and some in the professional world as teachers and nurses.

Now after many interesting years for this little school, its doors are closing (with a bit of sadness in many hearts) to keep step with progress. Come September these pupils will enter the new Fulks Run Elementary School with modern facilities and better advantages seeking to keep pace with the ever-changing world.

The 1960-61 session will close tomorrow under the guidance of present teachers, Andrew Thomas and Mrs. Gussie Turner Custer, who have spent 10 and 14 years respectively in this school. Both will teach in the new Fulks Run school next year.

Photo of FIRST AND LAST teacher pay tribute to Genoa Elementary School, which will be closed at the end of this year and its students consolidated at Fulks Run Elementary School. Left is Mrs. G.G. Gordon, first teacher, and Andrew Thomas, principal and present teacher, of the two-room school house.

Genoa Post Office and Store



Dewitt F. "Dee" Ritchie built his store at Genoa in 1894 and operated until 1901, when he and his wife, Verna Trumbo, (seventh and eighth from the left), purchased a store near Cherry Grove. George W. and Emma Trumbo Ritchie bought the store and ran it until about 1908, when A. Douglas Brenneman bought it. Photo from about 1900.

Below: Vela Turner Cooper and Ruth Turner Turner stand in front of their step-father's store, A. Douglas "Doug" Brenneman. This was the Genoa Post Office while "Doug" was postmaster, from 1912 to 1937 when the office was discontinued. Photo from 1966.





This photo was taken February 20, 2009 at the corner of Third Hill Road and Hopkins Gap Road and shows the site of Genoa Post Office and A. Douglas Brenneman's store. The photographer in 2009 was standing in nearly the same spot as the photographers in 1900 and 1966 in the photos of Ritchie store and Doug Brenneman's store.

Photo below: A. Douglas "Doug" Brenneman in his store about 1953.



Other Schools Before Genoa:

Oak Grove
Shoemaker
Pine Hill
and others

Two-room Genoa School replaced older school houses in the Fulks Run area: Oak Grove School (near present-day Mt. Grove Church of the Brethren) and Shoemaker School (near Gertie Shoemaker's store).

Both these older schools were frame buildings built in the 1880s and had seen forty years of service. Photographs of the schools and a teacher report in 1917 show that the school buildings were in bad condition and needed to be replaced.

When Oak Grove and Shoemaker Schools were closed, the Linville District School Board sold the old buildings at a public auction on December 6, 1919 at the courthouse in Harrisonburg. They sold the Oak Grove School House and lot, the Shoemaker School House and lot, White Hall School House, and the Cross Roads School House. Isaac Hilbert was the auctioneer.

Pine Hill School was another school in the general Genoa School area. It was located on Route 815 east (the Hollow Road). It was near the present-day home of Darrel and Joyce Turner and was the nearest school to the John Trumbo family who lived off The Hollow Road.

According to the Rockingham County School website, the Pine Hill school probably opened in the late 1880s, because it was not mentioned in a school visit report by Superintendant George Hulvey when he toured Brocks Gap schools in 1886. The only teachers known to have taught at Pine Hill are Joseph Fulk, Will Whitmore who taught in the last 1890s, and John H. Custer who taught at its last session, 1908-09.

There were even older schools in the community, but we don't have much information on them. A newspaper clipping about the opening of the new brick Mountain Grove Church of the Brethren in 1951 stated that before their original church building was built in 1877, preaching services had been held in nearby Turner, Fulk, Hoover, and Ritchie schools at Fulks Run.

- The Ritchie schoolhouse was on Little Dry River Road at the intersection of that road and Dull Hunt Road.
- The Hoover School was on the Genoa Road (Highway 817) near the intersection of the Genoa Road and Hopkins Gap Road (Highway 612).
- The Fulk School's exact location is unknown at this time, but there is at least one written reference to Fulk's School. In 1843, Elder John Kline, traveling Brethren minister, wrote in his diary of "I and Frederic Kline go to George Fulk's schoolhouse in the Gap. We have meeting, and I speak on John 15. We dine at

George Fulk's, and in the evening return home." This George Fulk was the son of John and Eve Fulk. George and his wife Catherine Fawley Fulk owned the "Fort Hogg" farm on Brocks Gap Road, Highway 259. (The former car wash, now Tammy's Cut and Style, is located there, across from Mac's Superette). Since they didn't have children of their own, George and Catherine would not have had to build a school on their land in order to educate their own children. George may have organized a school for children in the area in order to teach at it. He was probably the teacher at Fulk's school in 1843. Legal documents signed by George Fulk show that he had a good clear handwriting, indicating he was an educated man.

- The Turner School must have been in the general vicinity of Genoa School. It may have been in the "Schoolhouse Field" near Darrel and Joyce Turner's home in 2009 on the Hollow Road (Highway 815). This field has been called the Schoolhouse Field. Elder John Kline wrote of preaching in the Turner Schoolhouse four times in his published diary, and two of the four times he ate at or stayed at the Widow James Turner's home. She lived on what is now Opie Lane near the Genoa School, and her home was located just across a short ridge from Darrel Turner's home. Or the schoolhouse could have been located nearer to the Widow Turner's home.

Oak Grove School

Oak Grove School was a frame one-room school near present-day Mountain Grove Church of the Brethren on Third Hill Road at Fulks Run. It was built in 1882 and operated until the close of the 1918-1919 school term. It was in poor condition by the time it closed.

Oak Grove was the school for two of this compiler's grandparents, Ruth and Lloyd Turner. Consequently, we have several family letters that give information about the school's operation. These letters have been published in *Turner Clan Stories 1885 to 1920: Custer, Turner, Fulk Letters*.

School years in this time period did not have a set length of time of instruction. For instance, in July, 1917, there was a 6-week school held at Oak Grove. Miss Hulva and Miss Roller from Harrisonburg were the teachers, and they boarded with the A. Douglas Brenneman family. Webster Turner wrote to his son Lloyd Turner on July 3, 1917 that "Two teachers have from 7 to 15 scholars." Webster's daughter Goldie wrote to Lloyd on July 4, 1917 that "I have been going to school. Miss Sallie Hulvey Miss Virginia Roller, both of them is my teacher. Miss Roller has most of my lessons. I like Roller the best. I am in the fift [sic] Grade. They board at Dug's [Doug Brenneman's]. Dug take them on auto ride last eve."

In April 1918, Webster wrote to Lloyd that Basil C[ooper] was still teaching school, but they expected it to close next Saturday; the letter does not specify which school Basil operated. Even though the public schools were about to close for the school year, Sunday Schools at the local churches Mt. Carmel and Mountain Grove had just started. Through the church Sunday Schools, formal learning of some type was still available in the community, even though it was not at the public schools.

Lena Custer was one of the last teachers at Oak Grove School. Her report for 1917-1918 tells us many things about the state of the school. (Lena Custer was a sister of Clarence Custer. She married Raymond Hoover).

According to her report, one-room Oak Grove School was built of wood in 1882 for an original cost of $350. By 1917, the building was only worth $25 and was in bad state of repair. It was unpainted and had 2 broken window panes. During the school year, Lena had found it impossible to keep the children comfortable on 20 different days because of the bad school house and stove. Fuel for the stove cost $17 for the year.

Lena said the school lot was 1/8 of an acre and was not enclosed.

There were 16 desks (worth $1) that could seat 32 students, but they were in bad condition. The teacher had 1 chair and 1 table. Evidently there were no volumes in the library, but they had 2 charts, worth $4. There was a large blackboard with 28 square feet, but it was also in bad condition. After reading Lena's report, we can see why a new school was necessary.

School term was officially 120 days, roughly October to April. Attendance must not have been mandatory, because Lena reported that even though she had 36 students enrolled, the average attendance was only 12 per day. Of the 36 students, in the one-room school,

five were between 15-17 years old,
17 were between 10 and 14 years,
13 were between 7 and 9 years,
only 1 was under 6.

The school covered grades 1 through 7. During the school day, Lena taught 5 2/3 hours in a graded course of study. In her report, she said the school had 24 New World Spelling books, and a variety of other textbooks (readers, copy books, arithmetic, grammar, histories of Virginia and the United States, civil government, geographies, and 11 copies of *Primer of Sanitation.*

Oak Grove School was in Linville District, but 7 students were enrolled who lived in Plains District: Harry Turner and Lena Turner, Sallie Hess, Martha Sager & Maida Sager, and Gladys Shoemaker and Mary Shoemaker. These children lived about as close to Oak Grove School as to their school in Plains District [I think they were in the area of the Fawley School, on Route 259 at Fulks Run].

Nine of the students missed many days from contagious diseases. There were no vaccinations for childhood diseases, and measles, mumps, chickenpox, and other diseases kept children out of school. Three children missed 102 days (out of 120), and six children missed 54, 56, 78, 83, 51, and 78 days.

The last school term held in Oak Grove School, **1918-1919**, got off to a rocky start. On Oct. 4, 1918, Webster Turner wrote to his son Lloyd Turner that they didn't know who would teach at their school for the new term. Lena Custer was going to teach at Dry River and B. F. Spitzer was going to teach at Oak Grove, but they traded schools. Then Lena gave up teaching. Ruth Neff Ritchie said she was going to teach at Oak Grove, but they didn't know for sure. In that letter, Webster said that there was over 100 cases of French Enfluenza Pneumonia in the Harrisonburg Schools. On October 23, Webster said that schools have all closed for several weeks on account of Influenza. "It is getting plenty of it around here. We haven't had it yet; we stay at home all we can so we don't get with It." By Nov. 13, 1918, the flu had died down around the area with no new cases.

Schools in the county did not run on a consistent schedule. In 1918, Oak Grove School finally started in early November. Lloyd Turner's sister Goldie Turner Hoover wrote on Nov. 14, 1918 that school started Monday a week ago, with Ruth Neff Ritchie as teacher. "We have a right large school. Twenty four yesterday. Ruth Ritchie and I sit where you did last winter." Students didn't all start on the same day of the school term. Goldie continues her letter, "Ruth Turner hasent started yet. She is going to start next Monday. Ruth [Neff Ritchie, the teacher] got the sick headache yesterday. Got Lena [Custer Hoover] to come down and teach in the afternoon."

Not all teachers were dedicated to the profession. Four days after Goldie's letter, Webster Turner wrote on November 18 that there was some talk of Lena Custer Hoover

teaching at Oak Grove after the Holidays. Perhaps teacher Ruth Neff Ritchie was having medical problems that were causing her to think of quitting, but it was not unusual for teachers to change schools during the school term.

Even though Lloyd had left Oak Grove School and was working in Ohio for about a year, his father Webster wrote on Nov. 18, 1918 to encourage him to "come home and go to school this winter. About 30 scholars going now. Ruth started yesterday." This suggestion may just have been a father teasing his son about his girlfriend. At the time of these letters, Lloyd and Ruth were writing to each other, and they later married in 1920.

From the Rockingham County Schools' website and information from school historian Dale MacAllister, we have a partial list of teachers at Oak Grove School:

1884–85	Naason W. Turner
1886-87	J. C. Cooper
About 1895-96	Fannie Shepp
1886–87	J. C. Cooper
1896–97	Fannie M. Shepp
1897–98	A. R. Shickle
About 1900	Ora Minnie Scott
1909–10	Emma J. Turner
1910–11	Benjamin F. Spitzer
1911–12	Robert R. Souder
1912–13	Grant Souder
1913–14	James E. Fawley
1914–15	Benjamin F. Spitzer
1915–16	Ervin L. Chapman
1916–17	James E. Fawley/Kathryn P. Shumaker (taught last two months)
1917–18	Lena V. Custer
1918–19	Myrtle Bennett

Dale MacAllister also added that in 1890 the schoolhouse was a voting place for western Linville District. The schoolhouse was sometimes called the Brenneman School because it sat on Brenneman land. An item in the *Daily News* for March 1911 called this school Mt. Carmel. It was located near Mt. Carmel United Brethren Church (now Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church).

Oak Grove School
About 1895-1896
Pictured on opposite page

1. Fannie Shepp, Teacher
2. Bertha Hess Hottinger (Mrs. Ben Hottinger)
3. Ida Bare
4. John Bare
5. Lynn Bare
6. Clint Bare
7. Abram Fulk
8. Joseph Ritchie
9. David Brenneman
10. Annie Brenneman
11. Hattie Fulk Fulk (Mrs. Joseph Fulk)
12. Syram Brenneman
13. Sallie Fulk
14. Sallie Ritchie Whitmore
15. Charles Bare
16. Dewitt "Dee" Ritchie
17. Verna Trumbo (Mrs. Dewitt Ritchie)
18. Robert Fulk
19. James Ritchie
20. John Brenneman
21. Minnie Fawley Fulk (Mrs. George Fulk)
22. George Ritchie

Notice that a pane of glass is missing above the school's door.



Oak Grove School
About 1895-1896
Photo 432

Oak Grove School

About 1900

Photo 439

Pictured at right

Front row, left to right:

1. Basil Cooper
2. Rebecca "Becky" Custer Hess
3. Rebecca Custer Welch
4. Mamie Shoemaker Ritchie (Mrs. Charles Ritchie)
5. Nannie Custer Liskey
6. Henry Custer
7. Spencer Hess
8. Floyd Hess

Second row, left to right:

9. Sophia Custer Bare
10. Pammie Shoemaker Miller (Mrs. Jacob Miller)
11. Nora Fawley Fawley (Mrs. Ernest Fawley)
12. Bertha Hess Hottinger (Mrs. Ben Hottinger)
13. Sallie Ritchie (John C. Turner's niece)
14. Ida Bare
15. Clint Bare
16. Mannie Shoemaker

Back row, left to right:

17. David Brenneman
18. Abram Fulk
19. Minnie Fawley Fulk (Mrs. George Fulk)
20. Ora Scott, Teacher
21. Hattie Fulk Fulk (Mrs. Joseph Fulk)
22. Siram Brenneman
23. James Ritchie
24. Blanche Trumbo May

Identification of students from collection of Mary Fulk Turner (Mrs. Kale Turner)



Oak Grove School
About 1900
Photo 439

Oak Grove School
Date unknown

1.
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6. Beatrice Shickle Turner (Mrs. James Turner)
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12.
13. Rhoda Fulk Turner May
14.
15.
16.
17.
18. Edna Bare Fulk
19.
20.
21.
22. Weldon Shickle
23. Paul Shoemaker
24. Russell Turner
25.
26. Stella Roadcap Fawley
27. Grover Fawley, Teacher
28.

29. Ilene Shickle Trumbo (Mrs. Roy Trumbo
30.
31.
32.



Oak Grove School
Date unknown



OAK GROVE SCHOOL NO. 19,

FULK'S RUN, VA.

Term, 1912 — 1913.

Grant Souder, Teacher.

PUPILS.

BOYS.

Hobart Turner
Loyd Turner
Bassil Cooper
Raymond Hoover
Dulaney Hoover
Glendon Hoover
Edgar Custer
George Custer
Kermit Custer
Seymour Shoemaker
Aaron Aronson
Garland Heavner
Thomas Bare
Lurt Bare
Glendon Ritchie

GIRLS.

Nannie Custer
Mallie R. Cooper
Lena V. Custer
Iona Custer
Herma Roadcap
Ruth Turner
Nannie Turner
Minnie Ritchie
Velma Turner
Goldie Turner
Zella Hoover
Celia Aronson
Pamy Hartman
Bessie Hartman
Emma Hess
Sallie Hess
Iva Hess
Ruth Ritchie
Ella Ritchie
Beula Shoemaker

Ruth Turner saved this souvenir from the 1912-1913 school term at Oak Grove School. She was 10 years old during this school year.



Oak Grove School
About 1910 to 1912

1. Ruth Turner Turner (Mrs. Lloyd Turner)
2. Unidentified
3. Minnie Ritchie Carr (Mrs. Ervie Carr)
4. Unidentified
5. Unidentified
6. Rebecca Custer
7. Unidentified
8. Unidentified
9. Mallie Cooper Fawley (Mrs. Spencer Fawley)
10. Kermit Custer
11. Benjamin Spitzer [?], Teacher

Oak Grove School
About 1913
Pictured at right
Photo 437

1. Kermit Custer
2. Goldie Turner Hoover (Mrs. Russell Hoover)
3. Zella Hoover
4. Velma Turner Cooper (Mrs. Basil Cooper)
5. Ivy Hess
6. Pammie Hartman
7. Sallie Hess Miller (Mrs. Claude Miller)
8. Jack Ritchie
9. Bessie Hartman Senger (Mrs. Ervie Senger)
10. Glendon Hoover
11. Laney Hoover
12. Sylvia Heavener
13. Ruth Turner Turner (Mrs. Lloyd Turner)
14. Iona Custer Roadcap (Mrs. Clarence Roadcap)
15. Beulah Shoemaker Nesselrodt (Mrs. Casper Nesselrodt)
16. Nannie Turner Shoemaker (Mrs. Claude Shoemaker)
17. Herma Roadcap Hoover (Mrs. Robert Hoover)
18. Lert Bare [?]
19. Raymond Hoover
20. Seymour Shoemaker
21. Grant Souder, Teacher
22. Mallie Cooper Fawley (Mrs. Spencer Fawley)
23. Lena Custer Hoover (Mrs. Raymond Hoover)
24. Nannie Custer Liskey

Identification by Ruth A. Turner and Rhoda Fulk Turner May



Oak Grove School
About 1913
Photo 437

Oak Grove School

About 1913

Pictured at right

1. Kale Wilt
2. Ivan Runion
3. Adam Turner
4. George Turner
5. Jack Turner
6. Roy Zirkle
7. Claude Turner
8. Zavava Turner (Mrs. Marshall Biller)
9. Hazel Bare
10. Maudie Turner Ritchie (Mrs. Lawrence Ritchie)
11. Harry Turner
12. Irene Runion Trumbo (Mrs. Kingsley Trumbo)
13. Eunice Turner Thomas (Mrs. Andrew Thomas)
14. Nannie Zirkle Wittig (Mrs. Russell Wittig)
15. Lena Turner Fulk (Mrs. Ralph Fulk)
16. Meadie Miller Simmons(Mrs. Russell Simmons)
17. Roy Wilt
18. Brunk Shickle
19. Mary Shoemaker Estep (Mrs. Med Estep)
20. Jeff Stayner
21. William Bare Sr.
22. Weldon Shickle
23. Laymon Turner
24. Hoy Miller
25. Katie Stayner Tusing (Mrs. Stern Tusing)
26. Beatrice Shickle Turner (Mrs. James Turner)
27. Mae Turner Carr (Mrs. Charles Carr)
28. Irene Shickle Trumbo (Mrs. Roy Trumbo)
29. Stella Roadcap Fawley (Mrs. James Fawley)
30. Etta Fulk Custer (Mrs. Dulaney Custer)
31. Edna Bare Fulk (Mrs. Clarence Fulk)
32. Russell Turner
33. Paul Shoemaker
34. Gladys Shoemaker Hoover (Mrs. Laney Hoover)
35. Grover Fawley, Teacher



Oak Grove School
About 1913
Photo 431

Oak Grove School
about 1915
Pictured on opposite page

1. Ruth Ritchie Dove (Mrs. Thomas Dove)
2. Garland Heavener (died young)
3. Ivy Hess
4. Arthur Haines
5. Owen Fulk
6. Vada Hoover
7. Clarence Custer
8. Kale Turner
9. Glendon "Jack" Ritchie
10. George Custer
11. Kermit Custer
12. Pammie Hartman
13. Sallie Hess Miller (Mrs. Claude Miller)
14. Gilbert Fulk
15. Mildred Shoemaker Turner (Mrs. C. C. Turner)
16. Bessie Hartman Senger (Mrs. Ervie Senger)
17. Velma Turner Cooper (Mrs. Basil Cooper)
18. Glendon Hoover
19. Rhoda Fulk Turner May
20. Zella Hoover
21. Herman Fulk
22. Goldie Turner Hoover (Mrs. Russell Hoover)
23. Iona Custer Roadcap (Mrs. Clarence Roadcap)
24. Nannie Turner Shoemaker (Mrs. Claude Shoemaker)
25. Sylvia Heavener
26. Laney Hoover
27. Beulah Shoemaker Nesselrodt (Mrs. Casper Nesselrodt)
28. Ruth Turner Turner (Mrs. Lloyd Turner)
29. Ella Ritchie Shoemaker (Mrs. Pat Shoemaker)
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36. Nora Fulk Fawley (Mrs. David Fawley)
37. Catherine Shoemaker Fawley (Mrs. William "Bill" Fawley)
38. Lertie Bare
39. Raymond Hoover
40. Lloyd Turner
41. James Fawley, Teacher

Notice two panes of glass appear to be missing above the door in this photograph.



Oak Grove School
about 1915
Photo 436



Mountain Grove Church of the Brethren

PUBLIC SALE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

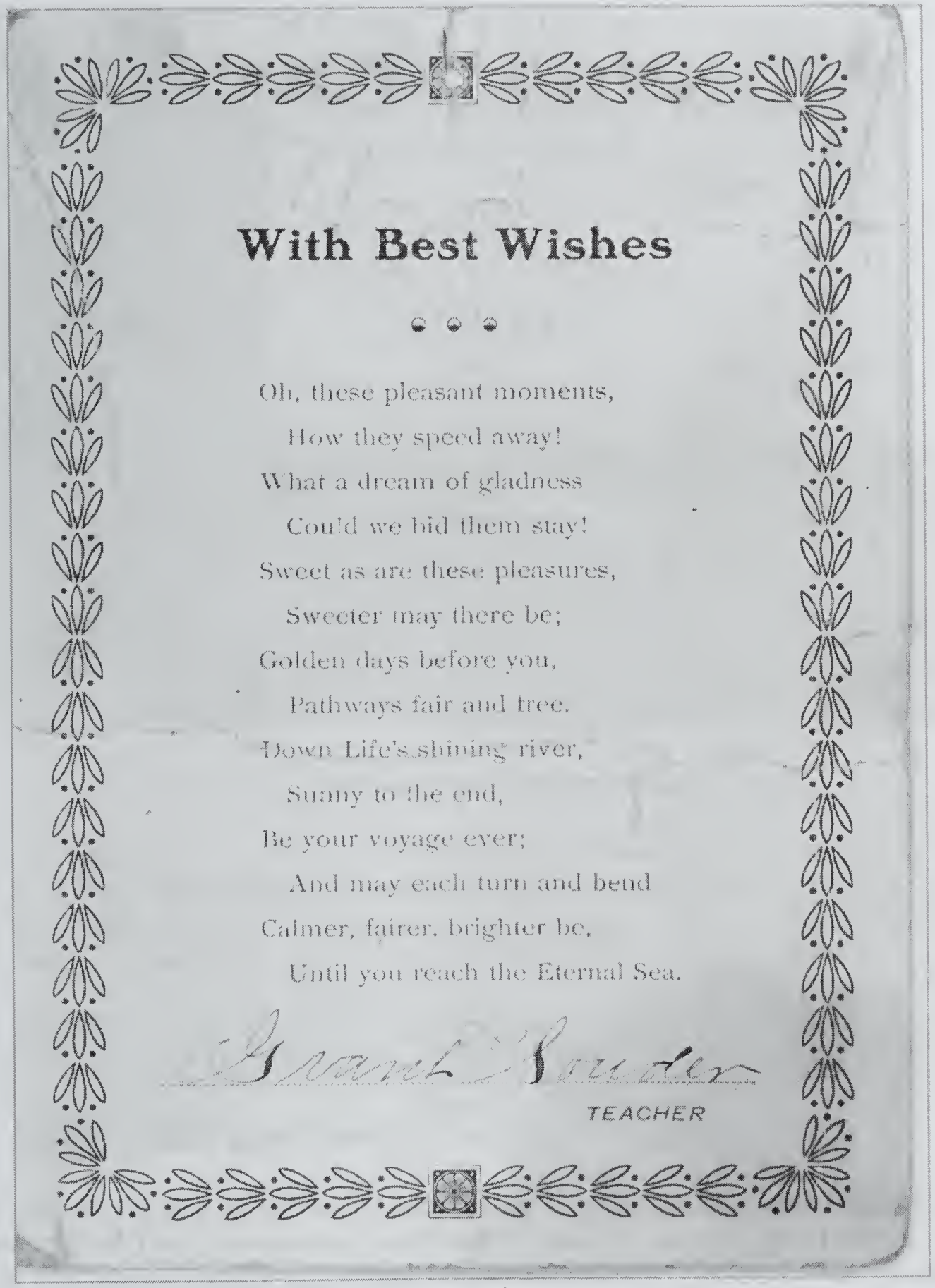
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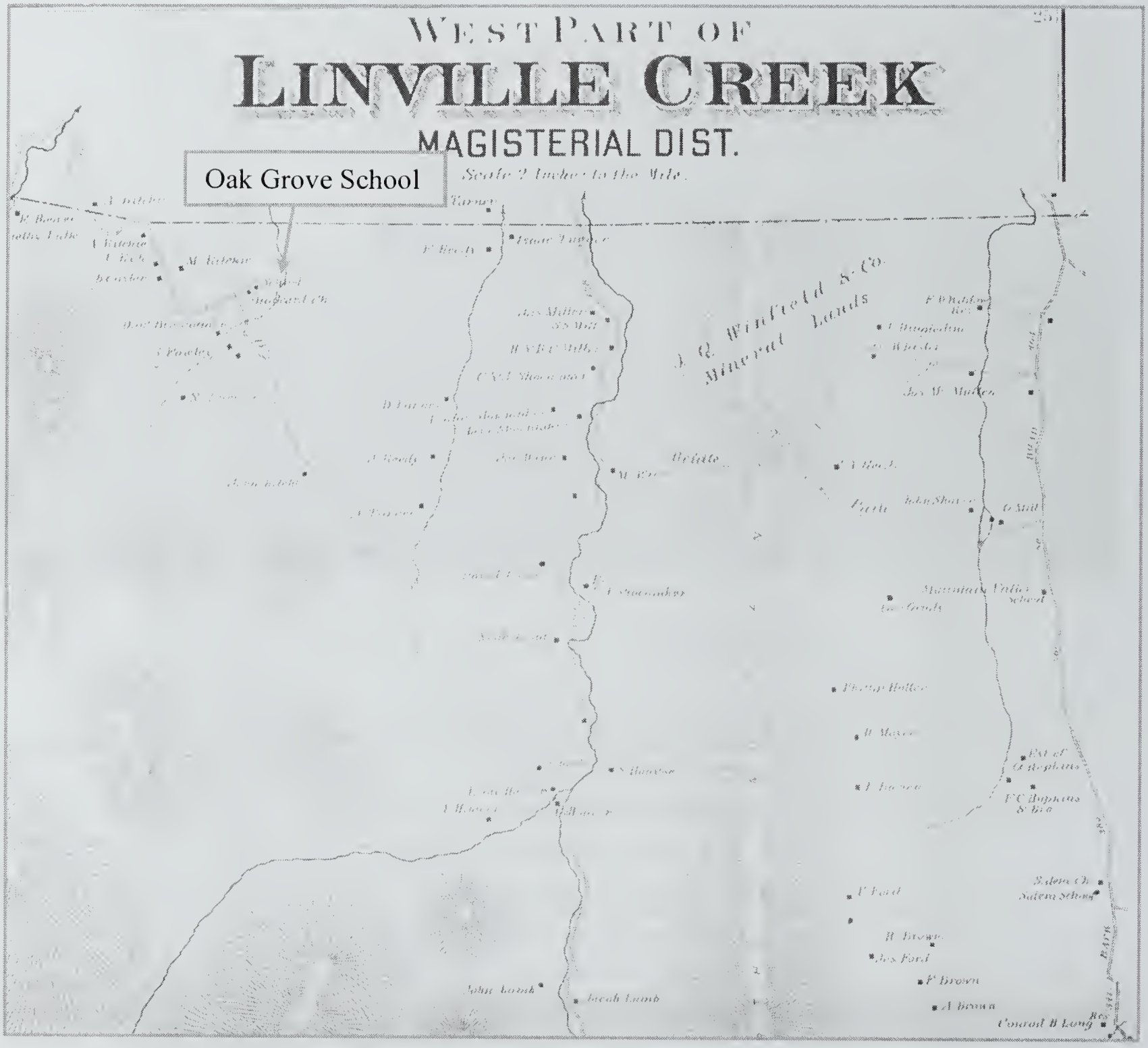
Oak Grove School stood on this lot near Mountain Grove Church of the Brethren on Third Hill Road. The school building was sold at public auction on December 6, 1919 after Genoa Graded School opened.

The frame church building of Mountain Grove Church of the Brethren pictured here was replaced by the present brick building in 1951. A picnic shelter today occupies the site of the frame church pictured here.



1912-1913

Teacher Grant Souder's gift to Lloyd Turner at the end of the school year at Oak Grove School.



Map of Oak Grove School Area, 1885

1885 Lake's Atlas of Rockingham County. Oak Grove School was in Linville District next to Oak Grove Brethren Church. When this atlas was made, the Church of the Brethren was commonly called the Dunkard Church. The church's name later became Mt. Grove Church of the Brethren.



Site of Oak Grove School

This is Mountain Grove Church of the Brethren on Third Hill Road, Fulks Run. The original frame church building was located approximately where the picnic shelter is now located. Oak Grove School was between the old frame church and the existing brick church, according to the 1885 Lake's Atlas. Photo taken February 2009.



Close-up of the general area of Oak Grove School

According to our best understanding, Oak Grove School was located between the photographer and the picnic shelter. Third Hill Road is to the right in this photograph. Photo taken February 2009.

Shoemaker School



Shoemaker School
April 1918
Photo 433

Shoemaker School was located in a field off Highway 612 (Hopkins Gap Road) near the location of Gertie Shoemaker's Store. The frame building was built in the 1880s, and both school photographs included in this book show that a wall was propped up. The school building was unpainted and needed siding repairs. In the April 1918 photograph, it appears a window pane was broken.

The school building continued in use as a store for another 20 years after the school was closed. In 1919 Gertie Shoemaker bought the Shoemaker School building at auction and moved it to the side of Hopkins Gap Road where she used it for her store business. It continued as a store until about 1939 when she replaced it with a more modern frame building.

Students in the picture from 1912 school year came from several nearby families. Among them were the children of Rev. George H. Fulk, St. Clair Miller, William "Joshua" Turner, and Robert Shoemaker. After Shoemaker School closed, children from these homes attended Genoa Graded School.

From the Rockingham County Schools website, here are the teachers known to have taught at Shoemaker School:

1886-87 (Nellie Thurmond) J. M. Jones
1887-1911 teachers unknown
1911-12 Lowell Pickering
1912-13 Emma Turner
1913-14 (not opened for this session)
1914-15 G. L. Smyth
1915-17 (two sessions) Ethel Hinton
1917-18 Iva V. Cooper
1918-19 Ethel Tussing

Teacher information from http://www.rockingham.k12.va.us/RCPS_history/rcpshistoryintro.htm.



Shoemaker School Group
About 1912

1. Rebecca Fulk Miller (Mrs. Walter Miller)
2. Beulah Miller Turner (Mrs. Joseph Turner)
3. Maude Shoemaker Fulk (Mrs. Otis Fulk)

Shoemaker School
About 1912

Pictured on opposite page

1. Rhoda Fulk Turner May
2. Rennie Roadcap Riggleman
3. Zona Turner
4. Mildred Shoemaker Turner (Mrs. Charles C. Turner)
5. Bertha Phillips Carr (Mrs. David Carr)
6. Gilbert Fulk
7. Robert Miller
8. Claude Miller
9. Kate Shoemaker Fawley (Mrs. William "Bill" Fawley)
10. Nora Fulk Fawley (Mrs. David Fawley)
11. Lorraine Shoemaker Turner (Mrs. Russell Turner)
12. Nellie Phillips Roadcap (Mrs. Guy Roadcap)
13. Wes Miller
14. William Turner
15. Rebecca Fulk Miller (Mrs. Walter Miller)
16. Beulah Miller Turner (Mrs. Joe Turner)
17. Robert Turner
18. Maude Shoemaker Fulk (Mrs. Otis Fulk)
19. Ward Shoemaker
20. Nimrod Turner
21. Emma Turner (Mrs. John Brenneman), Teacher

The teacher in this photograph, Emma Turner, married John R. Brenneman on March 3, 1913. In the year pictured here, Emma was teaching her younger brothers and sister Robert, William and Zona Turner.



Shoemaker School
About 1912
Photo 434



School Group
Fulks Run Community

1. Rebecca Custer Welch
2. James Fawley, Teacher
3. Mallie Cooper Fawley (Mrs. Spencer Fawley)
4. Lorraine Shoemaker Turner (Mrs. Russell Turner)
5. Nora Fulk Fawley (Mrs. David Fawley)
6. Kate Shoemaker Fawley (Mrs. William "Bill" Fawley)
7. Lena Custer Hoover (Mrs. Raymond Hoover) in back.



Former Shoemaker School building

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Pine Hill School



Pine Hill School
About 1898
Photo 438
This photograph was published in a newspaper with names of the students

First row, left to right: Minnie Fulk, Millie Turner, Ollie Fulk, Rebecca Fawley, Brewer Ritchie, Nora Trumbo, Jacob Fulk, Calvin Turner, Robert Hulvey, Charlie Ritchie, Frank Trumbo.

Second row, left to right: Byrd Fawley, Ottie Hess, Minnie Hulvey, Bessie Fulk, Charles Fulk, Lillie Ritchie

Third row, left to right: Eston Hess, John Sievers, Frank Fulk, Mary Alice Ritchie, Emmy Trumbo, James Turner, Ernest Fawley, Zack Trumbo, Harold Turner.

Fourth row, left to right: Ira Hess, Luther Turner, Will Ritchie, Malcolm Fawley, Will Whitmore, teacher, Joseph Fulk and visitor Adam Fulk.

Pine Hill School was another school in the general Genoa School area. It was located on Route 815 east (the Hollow Road). It was near the present-day home of Darrel and Joyce Turner and was the nearest school to the John Trumbo family who lived off The Hollow Road.

According to the Rockingham County School website, the school probably opened in the late 1880s, because it was not mentioned in a school visit report by Superintendant George Hulvey when he toured Brocks Gap schools in 1886. The only teachers known to have taught at Pine Hill are Joseph Fulk, Will Whitmore, who taught in the late 1890s and John H. Custer who taught at its last session, 1908-09.

Students in the 1898 photograph lived along what is now Route 815 east, The Hollow Road. Byrd, Ernest, Malcolm, and Rebecca Fawley lived along the North Fork of the Shenandoah in the home now owned by the DeHart family. The Trumbos lived across the North Fork and would have crossed through Trumbo Ford on the way to school. Brewer Ritchie grew up in the Lewis Ritchie home which was torn down in recent years. The Turners were children of Benjamin and Amanda Fulk Turner and lived in the home now owned by Gerald "Jim" Custer.

After Pine Hill School closed, children in homes along the Hollow Road would have attended Oak Grove School and later Genoa School.



Joseph "Joe Nat" Fulk and wife Hattie Fulk.
Joseph was one of the teachers at Pine Hill School



"Schoolhouse Field"
Photo taken March 20, 2009

"Schoolhouse Field" was the site of Pine Hill School. It is along Route 815 east or The Hollow Road, between the present-day home of Darrel & Joyce Turner and the lane leading to the home of Ronald W. & Peggie Turner. The schoolhouse building was already gone during the lifetime of Garnett Turner, who grew up on this farm, but he remembers a gate in the fence at this location.

This property was owned by the Turner family for generations and is possibly the site of the Turner Schoolhouse which was recorded in Elder John Kline's diary in the 1860s.

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